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ROSWELL HAGERMAN GOLF CLUB

WIPSE NOW BEING PUT INTO SHAPE FOR PLAYING

Progress is Being Made On Construction of the Course. Expected To Be Ready For Use by 20th Of April.

Progress has been made in the course of the newly organized Hagerman Golf Club since the meeting last week. The coming of spring weather, the desire of the experienced golfers on the links, along with the mess of the new players to get the game, the work of getting new grounds into shape has gone speedily. What, a week ago, only an admirable site, under the direction of Rev. M. F. Bell, intended of the course, has now a regular golf course that in a very short time will be ready for the players. Mr. Bell is enthusiastic over the new grounds, being an experienced golfer, he is why they are favorable for the purpose. He says that the nine holes have been measured and laid out with painted and marked signs. The total distance is 2411 yards, measured from cup to cup. The total par is 32. The hazards are provided by the irrigation ditch that through the tract, which will interest to the course. Those from the above terms are unable can learn more about by joining the club and learning to play the game.

Bell further stated that is preventing and the work as it is going now, the course will be used by the 20th of April or last by the last of the month. There have already been out knock-balls on the fairways. Some members too are being enrolled week.

STRUCK BY A DISCUS

Merlin Woodmas, a student of the school, was struck on the head by a discus thrown by one of his boys last Friday afternoon and painfully hurt. The athlete, under Instructor Hulet, practicing on the school grounds, at the time throwing the discus, Merlin was stooping over his back turned some distance from the thrower, Fay Hoyt, raised up and turned around at the inopportune moment and struck a blow that knocked him out and cut a deep gash on the forehead. Dr. Brown, several stitches and bandaged head and Merlin is getting along light, not much the worse for experience.

NATURAL GAS MAY BE USED IN MODERN GYPSUM PLANT TO LAKEWOOD

Modern and up-to-date gypsum is the immediate prospect for Lakewood, according to information out by Judge Joe Burkett, secretary and general manager of Pecos Valley Gas Co., the first week upon his return from Antonio. The location of the plant, as we understand it, is contingent upon the laying of a natural gas line to the plant, the gas to be used as fuel for making gypsum products.

The plant will be owned and operated by Mr. Dekle and associates in Antonio, Texas as an incorporated company, the name of the company, however was not learned. Location of a gypsum plant at Lakewood is a result of an extensive study of the gypsum possibilities that section by Geologist Dunham, chairman of the water board of the state of Texas. According to report, there is an inexhaustible supply of gypsum in the Lakewood vicinity. The value of the product is placed at four million dollars, figuring the gypsum ore costs per ton.

Mr. Dekle is expected in the valley the first of next month and we are informed that he will look over proposed site with a view to building operations for the plant. The plant is to be constructed in fifty units. The first unit is to be constructed and additions made as conditions may warrant.

—Artesia Advocate

Dickey and Wood, of Lakewood, were in town looking after matters Friday.

G. C. HANNA FOR ASSESSOR

The Messenger is authorized to announce the candidacy this week of G. C. Hanna, of Roswell, for the office of Assessor of Chaves county, subject to the action of the forthcoming primary.

To those who have lived for any considerable time in Chaves county the name of Judge Hanna is well known, and to such no words of introduction are required. It may be well nevertheless to give a brief recital of his career as a citizen and public official. A resident of the county for seventeen years, he has thoroughly identified himself with county interests whenever and wherever opportunity presented itself, especially in matters of taxation and education. With several years experience in the office for which he again offers himself as a candidate, he became familiar with the duties and requirements of the position, and without disparagement of the claims of any other candidate, The Messenger believes Judge Hanna would make a capable, conscientious and efficient official.

Appointed deputy under Assessor J. E. Bordeaux during the latter's term of office, Judge Hanna thoroughly familiarized himself with the office duties during the two terms he served in that position, and after the retirement of Assessor Bordeaux he was elected to the office and served two terms, the legal limit under state law. During his administration of the office he is credited with having affected decided changes for the better in the matter of property assessments, in revising and equalizing real estate valuations throughout the county. He considered a great deal of the farm land of the county rated especially high for taxation purposes, and succeeded in having it reduced to a more equitable basis, at the same time applying himself to raising assessable properties to the proper figure where they were undervalued, and in bringing in everything taxable to pay its proportionate share, including migratory cattle, sheep or stock of any kind within the state.

This program was not universally popular, but on the contrary engendered necessarily a certain amount of opposition and animosity. The course pursued, however was approved by a large portion of the people of the county, and it has come to be recognized that he placed the office more upon a business-like, efficient basis than had formerly prevailed.

Judge Hanna is a native of Maryland, and before coming west was largely identified with educational work. He has been a member of the National Tax Association, and has attended various meetings of that body in different parts of the country and taken an active part in their proceedings.

In presenting his candidacy Judge Hanna makes no special claim upon the favor of the voters other than the promise of an efficient administration and a familiarity with the duties of the office.

YEARLY SHIPMENTS REFLECT COW PRICE

A record by months of cattle moved out of the state during the period from 1923 to 1927 shows that from 50 to 60 per cent of them are shipped out during October, November and December, according to the district forest bulletin.

From 4 to 5 per cent of the total shipments go out of the state each month during the remainder of the year, except in May, which goes up to from 7 to 12 per cent of the total.

The 1927 shipments of 636,229 head were about 37 per cent higher than for 1926. Increase of 1927 shipments over those for 1926 is taken as a reflection of the good prices, as, generally speaking, there was sufficient forage to have carried a part of these cattle.

A few more than two and one-half million cattle have been shipped out of the state during the last five years.

Mrs. Margaret Schultz, of Artesia, was up Sunday visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown.

Friends of Mrs. J. L. Bowen are glad to learn of her speedy recovery from the operation for appendicitis performed at St. Mary's hospital, Roswell, last week, and her return home to Hagerman Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will make home at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, temporarily, while awaiting complete recovery from the effects of the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris, of Quemado, Catron county, arrived here last Thursday, having been called by the illness of Mrs. Harris sister, Clarice Dees, but unfortunately getting here too late to reach her bedside before her passing away. Mrs. Harris, as Miss Kitty Mae Dees, is known to many Hagerman friends, being a former resident and high school student here.

SURVEY FOR PIPE LINE FROM OIL FIELD INTO HAGERMAN PROSPECT

A gas pipe line for Hagerman! That is the latest report, although not yet in general circulation. A pipe line to supply to users the natural gas so abundant in the field to the south and east of us. The report comes from one who got the news from what is believed to be good authority. Without a positive statement as to where either end of the line will end finally, the information was given that a connection would be made with this place from the gas well on the Vandagriff permit, eight miles northeast of Artesia. The preliminary survey is now said to be underway, and if the news is authentic, it may be expected to reach Hagerman in a short time.

Without any very definite knowledge as to what the Vandagriff gas well has in store for us in the way of gas or oil, the fact that a survey is proposed to go through Hagerman sounds encouraging. That actual work is going ahead on the line from the field into Artesia and perhaps further, possibly to El Paso, indicates that talk of a pipe line, even a pipe line to Hagerman, is not necessarily a pipe dream. Millions of feet of gas are available and why should it not be put to use?

On the Artesia line ditch-digging has been under way for two or three weeks, and a beginning has been made in laying the pipes. These are four inches in diameter, and the same size will be used on the new line proposed, according to the information given. Although the survey is for a short line, it may prove to be a part of a big undertaking that while supplying Hagerman may also serve a number of other towns in this part of the state.

Mrs. Thos. McKinstry, who has been very ill for the past two or three weeks, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. F. F. Anderson left Tuesday evening for El Paso, going by way of Roswell and the Alamogordo route. She goes to make a visit to Mr. Anderson, who is under the care of a specialist there, and may be gone for some days, that depending mainly upon the state of the health of her husband. Mr. Anderson has been taking electric treatment by a specialist there for sometime, and when at home in Hagerman a few weeks ago, seemed to think he was improving, although he thought it best to return and continue taking the treatment. His friends here hope he may soon be well again.

TOWN ELECTION

The regular biennial town election, as heretofore proclaimed, will take place next Tuesday, April 3, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Officers to be elected are Mayor, clerk, treasurer and four trustees.

HAGERMAN ALFALFA MILL WIDELY KNOWN

The Hagerman Alfalfa Mill is one local establishment whose product goes to many far and near localities, interest in its output extending even to far-off Denmark. In a bunch of letters embracing business correspondence sent out by the firm one day this week the writer was allowed to glance over the list of correspondents, mostly foreign. Along with several others addressed to the same country one was noted bearing the superscription, "Jydsk Andelsforretning, Copenhagen, Denmark." This shows that the Mill company is not confined to a limited field, but includes European countries as well as the U. S. A. within its share of business influence.

PINON MOHAIR ASS'N. A STOCK TRAIN OF 35 SELLS SPRING CLIP CARS LEAVES HERE TODAY FOR MARKET

The Pinon Mohair Growers Association recently sold the spring mohair clip to Bond Baker of Roswell. Approximately 100,000 pounds of mohair was sold at a price of 57 cents per pound. Delivery is now being made on the sale. It is reported that Bond Baker also bought part of the El Paso mohair pool, but the amount purchased was not learned.

—Artesia Advocate

The fine weather of the past week has infused the "Let's-go" spirit into spring work. The farmers are rarin' to go—and going, and all lines are brisking up and going ahead.

BIG ROAD PROGRAM TO BE INAUGURATED FOR EASTERN N. MEX.

Over one hundred thousand dollars state aid program is scheduled for 1928 in the southeast portion of the state. The state highway commission has authorized the expenditure of 105,849 which includes \$23,200 of cooperative county funds already pledged. It is likely that additional cooperative county funds will become available later through the action of county commissioners which will somewhat lessen the cost to the state. Except in the instances of a few projects which are dependent upon the determination of county financial cooperation, work will proceed on all authorized construction at an early date.

The work in district two is summarized as follows:

Two federal aid projects are scheduled for letting in April on the Fort Sumner-Yeso road. Between those two sections is a gap of eight miles which will be constructed with state aid. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$2,425.

Twelve hundred dollars of the state road fund is appropriated for reconstruction of the Lovington-Artesia road and \$1200 additional will be furnished by Lea County under a cooperative arrangement, making the improvement cost \$2,400.

Improvements are scheduled in Roosevelt county on the Portales, Lovington road involving an expenditure of \$16,000. \$8,000 of this amount has been appropriated by the state highway commission and \$8,000 will be furnished by Roosevelt county, a part of which will be raised by special levy.

Improvements to complete the Alto-Ruidoso road are estimated to cost \$11,752. County participation has been requested to cover part of this cost and work will be held in abeyance pending participation from Lincoln county.

Construction is authorized on the La Luz canyon route on the La Luz-High Rolls road. This heavy construction work will be financed under cooperative arrangement with Otero county. Under this arrangement \$38,681.10 is appropriated from the state road fund and \$9,000 was pledged from Otero county, a portion of which is already available.

The highway department has ordered a power shovel for use on this construction work.

Drainage structures will be constructed on the Three Rivers-Ancho road which will involve an expenditure of \$3,516. Additional construction will take place on the Hope-Mayhill road involving work on the Reeves hill, and stream crossings on the Penasco. Fifty-four hundred dollars is appropriated from the state road fund and Chaves county has been requested to assist financially in building the Penasco bridges. Construction work on the Capitan-Arabella-Tinne-Roswell road has been authorized. Ten thousand dollars is budgeted for this work; \$5,000 from the state road fund, \$2,500 by Lincoln county and \$2,500 by Chaves county.

Eight hundred seventy-five dollars is appropriated for the installation of additional irrigation and drainage culverts on F. A. P. 131-A in Eddy County.

The Acme bridge on the Roswell-Clovis highway will be widened and reconstructed. An appropriation of \$5,800 has been made for this work.

The request for a state construction job from Tatum north to Roosevelt county line is held in abeyance pending a definite proposition for cooperative assistance from Lea county.

Further improvements will not be made on the Alamogordo-Las Cruces road until a conference has been held with the officials of Otero and Dona Ana counties, looking toward a cooperative agreement to assist in the proposed improvement.

FUNERAL OF CLARICE DEES

Funeral services for Clarice Dees, whose death was briefly mentioned last week, took place in Hagerman Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The pall bearers were chosen from the young men of the high school, and the girls basketball team acted as flower girls.

The pastor, Rev. Jas. A. Hedges, was assisted by Rev. John D. Henry, of Albuquerque, under whose preaching Miss Dees was converted and united with the church.

The casket was laden with beautiful floral offerings from her former fellow-students, Sunday school classmates and friends. The body was interred in Hagerman cemetery.

Miss Dees was popular in the high school and among the young people of the community. She was a member of the girls basketball team of the school, and her death is lamented by many friends. A large number of the people of the town and community followed her remains to their last resting place.

NEW GENERAL ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

Elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger will be found the ad of L. F. Woodhead, telling of the new refrigerator, recently put on the market by the General Electric Co. This is a new product of General Electric and its general construction should be of interest to every householder. Mr. Woodhead says: "After fifteen years of specialized, intensive, research the General Electric Refrigerator is here. There is now available a simple, practical trouble proof—remarkably quiet icing unit that takes automatic refrigeration definitely out of the experimental stage. All its moving parts are enclosed in a hermetically sealed casing on top of the cabinet. It consumes a minimum current and never needs oiling or attention of any kind. Food is perfectly kept; the dry cold and even temperature combine to make it the perfect food preserver. When we take into consideration the fact the General Electric Company—the largest electrical organization in the world—guarantees this product to be absolutely trouble free for two years and make all these claims in regard to it—we are forced to the conclusion that this invention means another great step ahead in our standards. The same standard of living which demand the automobile, the telephone, the radio and the ocean liner are behind the demand for electric refrigeration, and it will grow into popular favor many times faster than it took the automobile and the radio. It will become a household need in a very few years."

SCHOOL NOTES

Assembly Tuesday morning was opened by an address by Rev. Mr. Bell of the Nazarene church. His subject for the morning was "The Touchstones to Success." Success in life, he said, is not an accident, but is the result of constant striving toward a fixed goal, coupled with honesty, courage and purity.

At the conclusion of the address, Bernice Sweatt, Helen Hoyt and Uell Lee Carter sang "Dreaming."

Superintendent White made a few well chosen remarks about the work of beautifying the grounds that has been going on this week. The grass is indicating that spring has arrived, and the trees that the boys with the help of some of the teachers set out will add greatly to the attractiveness of the school grounds.

BOY SCOUT WINS TRIP TO EUROPE

Boy Scout Woody Johnson of Portales, New Mexico has just received notice of his winning a trip to Europe this coming summer.

This trip was awarded by the "Open Road" Magazine to a few boys who showed superior interest in correspondence to boys in other lands.

Scout Woody Johnson in the past few months has carried on correspondence with boys in thirty-two different countries of the world, including Japan, China, Denmark, Norway, France, South Africa and Paraguay.

Woody is a member of the Lone Scout division. He expects to sail for Europe in July and while in Denmark will visit one of the boys he has been writing to.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowan and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly returned Sunday evening from Denton, Texas, where they made a brief visit with their daughters, Misses Mabel and Dorothy Cowan and Margaret Wimberly, students at the college of Industrial Arts. They report a very pleasant trip en route and an enjoyable stay at the big girls' school, the gentlemen of the party especially observing many attractions about the campus.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

WATCH BOXES PUT UP NEAR HAGERMAN IN NEW SEED EMBARGO

The government, through a ruling of the Department of Agriculture, has taken steps to prevent the transportation of cotton seed between different areas of cotton growing regions, the object being to prevent the spread of the boll weevil pest. For this purpose the Pecos river has been made a boundary line and roads leading to and crossing the stream have been provided with sentry posts in the way on the weevil.

Government Takes Steps To Prevent Transportation Of Cotton Seed Between The Areas Affected By Pink Boll Worm.

Hagerman, Lake Arthur, Dexter and Artesia, on the roads running eastward across the river, have been made inspection points, the new arrangement going into effect yesterday. Two of the small buildings to be used by the government inspectors were built here this week at the Kemp Lumber yard by R. C. Cumpsten, one for Hagerman and one for Lake Arthur. Roswell, Artesia and Dexter inspectors will probably be furnished with quarters, which are required for protection from bad weather, built locally.

Three men will be required at each post, working eight hour shifts. The force appointed to man the Hagerman outpost consists of Messrs. R. L. Campbell, Gardner and F. B. Campbell. The first named takes the day shift, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., the second from 4 p. m. to 12 o'clock midnight, and the last named, a son of Mr. R. L. Campbell, from midnight till 8 in the morning, called by miners the "graveyard shift."

The order for the new inspection came without any publicity and few knew or understood the why or the wherefore.

RUMORED TIME CHANGE

Rumors of another time change within the near future on the Pecos valley division of the Santa Fe are in the air. While the matter has gotten no further than rumor, it is believed that there is some basis for the talk. The best information available says that the proposed change would bring the south bound passenger train into this city at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and the north bound here at 6 o'clock in the morning.—Roswell Record.

R. L. Collins, manager of the McAdoo Drug Company, went down to Carlsbad Monday on business and to visit with his mother. He spent the night there, returning the next day.

FIRE WIPES OUT THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF SEAGRAVES TEXAS TUES

LUBBOCK.—Fire thought to have originated in a tailor shop at Seagraves, east of Lovington this state in Gaines county, Texas, was driven through practically the entire business district of the town of 1,500 by a high wind, causing a loss officially estimated at \$500,000 Tuesday. The stores carried practically no insurance.

When the flames finally burned out for lack of material, only a hotel, two lumber yards, three filling stations and the telephone office were left standing.

The fire started about 4:30 p. m. on the south side of Main street and spread rapidly. Two drug stores, two dry goods houses, two grocery stores, two barber shops, a tailor shop, a hardware store, a bank and two cafes were destroyed. A rooming house was partly burned but no residences were included in the damage.

Miss Lvaerne Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, who was very ill with flu, is now reported much improved. Another member of the family, Ray, a young son, was also laid up at home for several days with what was thought to be German measles. He too is much improved, and was well enough a day or two ago to be out again and return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins went to Roswell on business Wednesday.

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COMMUNITY COOPERATION

Community cooperation is the backbone of community building; community progress must center around it, if the worthwhile things are to be accomplished.

Just as the engineers of the motor industry have largely eliminated friction in the modern auto engine, so have the leaders of the growing communities successfully engineered the destinies of their communities through the periods of lost motion.

There is more local cooperation today in the growing towns and cities over the United States than has ever been in the history of the nation. Much has been done through whole hearted effort, streets have been paved, population has been doubled and threbled, trade territories have been expanded, good roads have been built, bank balances have grown. Efforts have been coordinated and directed in the right channel. As a result community bickerings and community quarrels have disappeared along with the old landmarks as new people, who know the value of cooperation, have moved in and taken the helm in community affairs.

ANTI LAME DUCK MEASURE

It is heartening to learn that despite the defeat by the house of representatives of the so-called anti-lame duck resolution, action looking to the adoption of the necessary constitutional amendment will be pressed at the next session of congress.

There is more in the matter than a move to curtail the power exercised by members of congress who have been repudiated at the polls. The "lame duck" aspect of the case is important, but there are other points in favor of the amendment which will weigh far more heavily with the average voter than that.

The enabling act might well be entitled "an amendment to make the legislative branch of the United States government more responsive to the will of the electorate." Blink the matter as we may, the fact is that the British voter is able to get action months in advance of ourselves on any important public question. It is hoped by proponents of the change to have the congress elected in November convene immediately instead of waiting thirteen months as is now the case.

In times of great public stress, when the voters have delivered their verdict in favor of some sweeping reform, it would be better by far if the edict they pronounce at the polls were translated into law forthwith rather than be subjected to the long delay necessary under the present practice.

Most important also is the fact that the proposed revision of existing laws avoids the possibility of such unbusinesslike procedure as the filibuster of last March which tied up the nation's business for months, postponed important naval work and made it necessary to lay off hundreds of dockyard workers, will be rendered impossible.

Shortening the interval between the election of the president and his inauguration is really one of the minor advantages of the proposed amendment. The abolition of the senseless dog in the manger hold up game known as the filibuster is all-important but equally so is the earlier convening of congress following an election, guaranteeing to the electorate prompt action upon the issue decided by them at the polls.—Albuquerque Journal.

WIDER HIGHWAYS

Wider roads are everywhere in demand. Increased traffic on our public highways makes wider roads a prime essential, and public officials who fail to take this vital fact into the reckoning make a mistake.

According to a writer in the Memphis Commercial Appeal, "road widening has become a definite policy in several states in which the automobile registration is high"; one of these states has been adding strips of paving from three to six feet to some of its roads; another is placing along its roads lateral extensions of from twelve to eighteen feet, and these widening policies are particularly to be noted in metropolitan areas around some of the larger and more important cities of the country. Narrow roads do not take care of the traffic, and besides, they are more dangerous than roads of wider types.

Another reason we did not care about Artesia winning either the district or state basketball tournament and going to Chicago is because we would have felt obliged to equip the team with machine guns in addition to paying the expenses.

And speaking of Chicago, they tell us that the wind city is citified in more ways than one. For instance the Chicago bootleggers have zoned the city and thus systemized their business, but down here the bootlegger has an unlimited territory. That probably accounts for the fact that business here is poor.

A headline recently announced, "Millions of Chinese flowing to red camp," which is just another evidence that yellow sometimes turns red.

KEEP FOREST WEEK AND SET OUT TREES

National Forest Week, April 23 to 28, is the week set apart thruout the United States to be observed as a proper time for giving due consideration to the planting and caring of trees.

It is a good idea for schools and all public organizations, as well as individuals, to make a special study of the tree and forest situation in the United States and the state of New Mexico, as well as that of each separate community. By means of suitable programs conducted before or during forest week, each individual of a community can be made acquainted with the problems at hand. By proper observation of this time, it is possible to conduct an effective program with far reaching results.

Arbor Day, so long established, has been the helpful means of encouraging the planting and care of trees about the home or in public grounds. In National Forest Week an effort is being made to get sufficient sentiment developed in Arbor Day programs and activities and applied on the farms and in the communities.

The various educational and service organizations in the respective communities will find no better method of exercising their powers than by sponsoring the planting of a few well adapted trees and seeing that they are given the proper care. These trees will remain the monument to such organizations many years after the present personnel, or perhaps the organization itself, ceases to exist.

The horticultural department of the New Mexico Agricultural College will be very glad to furnish press bulletin No. 546, Shade Trees for Street and Home Planting by A. B. Fite to any one writing in for same.

HONEST JOURNALISM

A west Texas editor, so runs the story in the Stillwater (Minn.) Gazette, wearied of being called a liar because occasionally a typographical or other error appeared in his publication of commonplace news items.

In wrath, he announced:

A lot of people in this town fall out with the editor and brand him a liar when the ordinary mistakes of life show up in the paper. You have a little charity and fellow feeling for every man in town but your editor. You claim you want facts and d—d if we don't give them to you. Read the next issue of this sheet and you will see facts with the bark off.

"I admit that I have been a liar, an editorial liar, ever since I have been editing this sheet, but I have never printed a lie in the columns except to keep somebody's feelings from being hurt. I am not afraid of any of you and I'll be dad-blamed if I don't print the truth from now on or until some of you get out of the habit of calling me a liar every time I make some unavoidable typographical errors. Now watch my smoke!"

Here are some of the paragraphs out of the next issue:

"John Bennin, the laziest man in town, made a trip to Bellevue yesterday.

"Rev. Sty preached last Sunday at the local church. His sermon was punk and uninteresting except some stuff he quoted from Bob Ingersoll, for which he failed to give Bob any credit. He also cited a few passages from one of William Gilbert Munsey's sermons and had the unlimited gall to palm it off as his own.

"Tom Spardin married Miss Caroline Meadows last trades day at the county seat. It isn't generally known, but the marriage was brought about mainly by a Remington shotgun manipulated by the bride's father. Tom concluded that marrying was the healthiest thing he could do until other arrangements could be made.

"Regan Lloyd, cashier of the State Bank of Willow Grove, died last Wednesday and was buried by the Odd Fellows at Pleasant Mound cemetery. He had been taking the paper for several years and had not paid us a cent. We thought that, being a banker, he would certainly pay some time. We will sell the account for two bits' worth of groceries.

"Married—Miss Susie Scruggs and Horace Griffin. The bride is a very ordinary girl who flirts with every traveling man she meets and never helped her mother three days in her life all put together. She is anything but a beauty, resembling a gravel pit in the face and walks like a duck. The groom is a natural born loafer and bum. He never did a lick of work until his step-daddy ran him off from home last fall. He went to the county seat and rather than starve to death he accepted a job as chambermaid in a livery stable. As soon as his ma found out where he was she went and got him and brought him home. They now reside at the home of his wife's father and he has no definite plans for the future. Susie will have a hard row to hoe."

PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS

State primaries for the remainder of March and for April to elect delegates to the Democratic national convention follow: North Dakota, March 20; Wisconsin and New York, April 3; Illinois and Nebraska, April 10; Ohio and Pennsylvania, April 24. Michigan will vote a presidential preference April 2. That state will elect delegates by the convention method March 15.

Democratic state conventions for the remainder of March and for April to elect delegates include: Utah, April 9; Oklahoma, April 10; Washington, April 13; Iowa, April 20; Kansas, April 24; Illinois, April 27, (delegates-at-large only).

The Democratic state committee of Arkansas is to meet March 22, and the Arizona state committee March 26, to elect delegates.

HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING OTHERS

Artesia merchants are beginning to display a nice line of spring wear. It is a representative line and compares favorably with the general line of merchandise shown in towns much larger. As we visit the various stores we are impressed with the thought that the merchants here are like all progressive merchants ought to be, who carry in stock a quality of goods that their customers want and will buy. What they handle is largely determined by your wants. Most of them, we are sure appreciate constructive criticism. They will welcome your frankness in reference both to the quality of stock and the seasonal styles and patterns.

STATE SCHOLASTIC MUSIC CONTEST TO BE HELD MAY 11 AND 12

Plans are well under way for what promises to be the biggest interscholastic music contest ever held in the state of New Mexico. It will be sponsored by the university through co-operation with high school officials over the state. Dates of competition are set for May 11 and 12.

As explained in a university bulletin, this statewide contest is for the purpose of discovering and encouraging those of unusual gifts, and to create a wide appreciation of good music, encouraging the contestant to seek a closer acquaintance with the beauties of art, particularly through performance.

Arrangements are being made for district contests to be held in six districts throughout the state of nature of elimination events, according to Mrs. Florence W. Smith, of the university, who is acting as state chairman.

Entries in this contest must be regular high school students who are satisfactorily carrying the required number of courses. Any school in the state, regardless of its size, is eligible to enter. Mrs. Smith states.

So far as can be determined at this advance date, there will be six orchestras, of no less than ten pieces each, six bands, of no less than twelve pieces each, eighteen glee clubs and mixed choruses, together with their respective directors, entered in the coming contest.

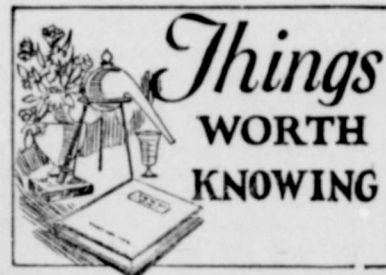
Accommodations for the visiting contestants will be furnished, at reasonable cost, by the university through the musical clubs of Albuquerque.

According to Mrs. Smith, district contests will be held at Las Cruces, Raton, Gallup, Clovis, Roswell and Albuquerque.

More than thirty individual medals and thirty-five trophy cups will be presented to contest winners. Besides, there is the sweepstakes cup for the school team that is adjudged the best in the state.

Mrs. Wallace Snider will have charge of the district elimination contest in Albuquerque.

It is expected that at least 200 contestants, teachers and others interested in the outcome of the contest will be in Albuquerque for the affair. It has previously been sponsored by the State college at Las Cruces.



ARE FARMERS HUMAN BEINGS?

An analysis of 181,687 letters from farmers has just been completed by the editor of Farm and Fireside, and he sums up the result of his studies in this sentence: "Farmers are no different from other people; in fact, farmers are merely human beings who farm." This astute and far-seeing editor, George Martin, adds the following rather wise observations: "These letters indicate that within the last twenty-five years the American farmer has ceased to be a toiler or a day-laborer, and is confronted with the necessity of either becoming a competent, up-to-date business man or going into the discard."

"As compared with a generation ago, the farming man is entirely changed. His daily paper takes him all over the world in a few minutes, puts him in touch with what is going on politically, socially, financially, agriculturally and otherwise everywhere. His automobile takes him to the movies in town, or for a drive wherever he wants to go. His electric light plant has removed the gloom and dinginess from his surroundings. He has his radio. His water system as lightened his and his wife's burdens. His bathtub has added to his self-respect. His household appliances have made life more livable for the whole family. His tractor and other power machinery have reduced his labor burdens so that he is increasingly able to get along despite a shortage of the right kind of men to help him work his places. His truck has speeded up his market.

The bulk of the agricultural press still approaches the farming man as one benighted and needing advice and preaching. It scolds him and rags him at every opportunity. The time has come when it is no longer possible to "talk down" to the farmer. He is looking for ideas which he can personally translate into a bettered farm, a happier life and a fatter pocketbook.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 16.—Miss Charlotte Sass (correct) of McGregor and Herman Appel (correct) of Monona were married at McGregor last night.—News dispatch.

The Cream of the Tobacco Crop



Paul Waner, Voted Most Valuable Player in 1927 National League, Says Luckies Do Not Affect His Wind



"When I first started to smoke I was anxious to find a cigarette that would give me pleasure without taxing my wind or irritating my throat. I soon discovered Lucky Strikes. I am very fond of the excellent flavor of these cigarettes and they keep my throat clear and do not affect my wind in the least."

Paul Waner

"It's toasted"

No Throat Irritation—No Cough.

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Money Cant Buy—

FRIENDS, but nevertheless friends seem fewer when funds are low. BRAINS, but it can provide the means of developing a great future.

HAPPINESS, but it can set a mighty inviting stage for that feeling.

A FOUNTAIN OF PERPETUAL YOUTH, but it can't age against the woes of want.

ONE MOMENT OF TIME, but it can enable us to make the most of the time we already have.

PEACE OF MIND, but then, neither can poverty. It is not until we take one's chances for tranquility with the former that we can have the latter.

LOVE, but it comes in mighty handy in supplying the need of the object of our affections, be the aforesaid needs of beefsteak or beefsteak.

O, yes, there are a lot of things in this good old world of ours that money can't buy but—!

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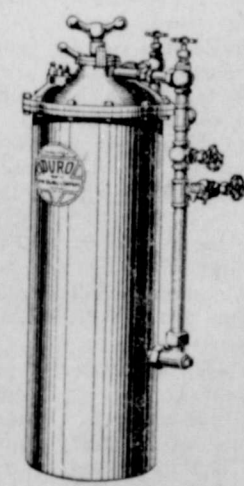
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RATES:

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

ABSOLUTELY CASH

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

- For State Senator:**
MRS. L. K. McGAFFEY
Roswell
- For Judge Fifth Judicial District:**
G. A. RICHARDSON
Roswell
- For Tax Assessor:**
ROBERT L. BALLARD
Roswell
JOE. K. HARRISON
Roswell
WOODLAN P. SAUNDERS
Roswell
W. M. ATKINSON
Roswell
JOHN L. MITCHELL
Roswell
- For Sheriff:**
JOHN C. PECK
Roswell
JIM B. COATS
Roswell
- For District Attorney:**
HOWARD C. BUCHLY
Roswell
JUDSON G. OSBURN
Roswell
GEORGE L. REESE, JR.
Roswell
- For County Treasurer:**
MRS. W. C. HOLLAND
Roswell
ONTY W. LISTON
Roswell
E. H. (HUB) WILLIAMS
Roswell
- For Probate Judge:**
C. C. HILL
Roswell
- For County Commissioner:**
Third District:
E. E. LANE
Hagerman
ROY I. LOCHHEAD
Hagerman
F. F. ANDERSON
Hagerman
- DR. C. S. WILLIAMS**
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- DR. M. A. GRISSOM**
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"Nights I sat up in a chair, I had such stomach gas. I took Adlerika and nothing I eat hurts me now. I sleep fine."—Mrs. Glenn Butler.

Even the FIRST spoonful of Adlerika relieves gas on the stomach and removes astonishing amounts of old waste matter from the system. Makes you enjoy your meals and sleep better. No matter what you have tried for your stomach and bowels, Adlerika will surprise you. McAdoo Drug Company.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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

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

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

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

V. B. MAY,
Register.

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Hd. Orig. 12-29-16 640 acres NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 028374 MFN

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M. March 1, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that Louis Waggoner, of Hagerman, N. M., who, on August 8, 1923, made Dd. Orig. containing 640 acres, No. 028374, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, Township 14-S., Range 28-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Robert N. Miller, U. S. Commissioner, Hagerman, N. M., on the 14th day of April, 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Mrs. D. A. Marrs,
Clyde Knight,
Carl Sams,
Vernon Marrs, all of Hagerman,
N. M.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

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Hd Orig. 12-29-16 640 acres NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 028643 MFN

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M. February 29, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that Andrew E. Glenn, of Caprock, N. M., who, on Jan. 30, 1924, made Hd. Orig. 12-29-16 containing 640 acres, No. 028643, for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 34, Township 9-S., Range 29-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, Roswell, N. M., on the 14th day of April, 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Steve Crosby,
Hood Graham,
Charles Davidson,
Ed Crossland, all of Caprock, N. M.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico, providing for the election of town trustees and other officers for the town of Hagerman, New Mexico;

Notice is hereby given that there shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1928, the same being the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1928, at the town hall, located on Argyle Street as voting place, an election for the purpose of electing:

One Mayor to serve for the term of two years.
One Clerk to serve for the term of two years.

One Treasurer to serve for the term of two years.

Four Trustees to serve for the term of two years each.
The said election to be held in the manner and form as provided by the statutes of the state of New Mexico.

The polls of said election shall be open from the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. to the hour of 6 o'clock p. m., under the direction and control of the following named Judges of election, to wit:—
Perry Crisler, Rev. James Hedges,
Rev. W. J. Bell.

The same having been regularly appointed by the Board of Trustees, of the town of Hagerman; assisted by the following Clerks, to wit:—
I. B. McCormick, R. N. Miller

Only those voters having been previously registered according to the statutes shall be permitted to vote at said election, the books for which shall be open at the office of the Hon. R. N. Miller, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 5, Hagerman, New Mexico, under the control of the following Board of Registration regularly appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hagerman, as follows, to wit:—
R. N. Miller, C. G. Mason,
W. A. Losey,

which said board of registration is fully governed by the statutes of the State of New Mexico, as regards time of exposure and correction.

Passed this the 6th day of March, A. D. 1928.
Approved this the 7th day of March, 1928.

H. M. BROWN,
Mayor.

Attest:
O. R. TANNER,
Town Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT In the District Court of Chaves County, State of New Mexico

REBA E. THOMAS,
Plaintiff,

—V—
WILLIAM J. THOMAS,
Defendant.

No. 6993.
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
To William J. Thomas, defendant,

GREETING:

You will take notice that the above named plaintiff, Reba E. Thomas, has filed her suit against you in the above styled and numbered action in the District Court of Chaves County, State of New Mexico, and that the general purpose and object of said suit is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony contracted by and between the plaintiff and defendant on the 28th day of September, 1914, and obtain a divorce from you, the said defendant, on the grounds of abandonment and desertion, and to obtain the custody of three minor children, to-wit: Troy Thomas, aged 12 years; Millie Thomas, aged 10 years; and Hubert Thomas, aged 8 years; and that unless you appear, answer or plead in said cause within thirty days after the last date of publication of this notice or on or before the 15th day of May, 1928, the cause will be taken as confessed against you, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief asked will be granted; that the name of plaintiff's attorney is James M. H. Cullender and his business address is Roswell, New Mexico.

WITNESS, my hand as Clerk and the seal of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, at Roswell, New Mexico, this 14th day of March, 1928.

(SEAL)
JOHN C. PECK,
County Clerk and ex-officio
Clerk of the District Court.
By Grace Massie,
Deputy

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Gladys: "So your parents are going to have your marriage annulled?"
Betty: "Yes, they think I'm a baby. I just can't make them think I'm old enough to get a divorce."

HUNTING COYOTES IN A FLIVVER

The Lea County Courier says: Often it's told of horsemen chasing and lassoing coyotes, but Mr. Bill Barron has adopted his Tin-Henry as a means of locomotion in his hunts in which he has caught five wolves. Ordinarily a careful driver on a macadamized highway, he throws the throttle open and simply strangles old Henry into convulsive activity with gasoline when in pursuit of a coyote on the grassy prairie. Even a flat, or two does not halt the chase, though the speed may become somewhat lessened, and he vows his car has even learned better than to shy at holes in the road ahead but goes "right over" as it did in a recent hunt.

Usually he is accompanied by Otis or Bevin Burns or Pete Barron who assist in releasing the dogs, which are chained in the rear seat of the car and are freed when a wolf is approached at right distance. But on that day, the day the car did the leaping stunt and he failed to catch the wolf, he was alone.

At the proper time and distance, Mr. Mill attempted a slow-down to release the young hounds and amidst his agonized efforts to come to a stop he looked back and to his consternation saw that the dogs had seen the wolf and all three had decided simultaneously to dismount regardless, and he was dragging a perfectly good but helpless hound, one on either side and one from the back of the car.

Hastily alighting he hurried round to ascertain if it could be true, as he feared, that each dog was dead, but to his relief he found them very much alive, so much in fact it took some clubbing to subdue one of the number into being dead-like enough for Mr. Bill to undo the chain clasped about its neck.

After the accomplishment of which, a vision was had of his Grey Majesty slinking away hurriedly over a distant hill where he disappeared and no further trace of him could be found.

Judge: Well, John, I can give you this divorce, but it will cost you \$3.00.

John: Three dollars, boss?

Judge: That's the fee.

John: Well, boss, I jes' tell ya. I don't believe I want no divorce.

There ain't \$3 difference 'tween dem two wimmen.—Exchange.

A. J. Basel, of San Angelo, Texas, arrived in the valley Friday and spent a few days looking after property interests on the Cottonwood. Mr. Basel was accompanied here by John B. Yancy, a member of the Yancy Implement Company of San Angelo.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our loved one. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each and every one in their time of need.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dees and Children.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. Early Beadle.

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SUNSET STAGE LINE

"The Quickest Way"

Roswell Station at Lee Tire Sales Co

Rate NORTH BOUND

\$0.00 Lv. Carlsbad	7:30 am	12:00 noon
1.00 Lv. Dayton	8:30 am	1:00 pm
1.50 Lv. Artesia	9:00 am	1:30 pm
2.00 Lv. Lake Arthur	9:20 am	1:50 pm
2.50 Lv. Hagerman	9:30 am	2:00 pm
3.00 Lv. Dexter	9:45 am	2:15 pm
3.50 Ar. Roswell	10:30 am	3:00 pm

Hagerman Station at Teed's Confectionery

Rate SOUTH BOUND

\$0.00 Lv. Roswell	7:30 am	12:00 noon
.50 Lv. Dexter	8:15 am	12:45 pm
1.00 Lv. Hagerman	8:30 am	1:00 pm
1.50 Lv. Lake Arthur	8:40 am	1:10 pm
2.00 Lv. Artesia	9:00 am	1:30 pm
2.50 Lv. Dayton	9:30 am	2:00 pm
3.00 Ar. Carlsbad	10:30 am	3:00 pm

Artesia Station at Cunningham's Barber

Three Stages each way each day. Cheaper than driving own car. We pick up and deliver passengers in Roswell. Carlsbad inside of corporation limits

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REPUBLICANS AND THE TEAPOT DOME INVESTIGATIONS

The Republican State Central Committee)

people of the United States a short but intensive course study of civil government four years. Presidential elections emphasize the fact that a re-dependence for its success upon intelligence of the voters. The rule through ballot. word politician needs fumigation. It is associated in the public with chicanery, trickery, and attempts to fool the voters. But no tricky politician lasts long. Any he achieves is temporary. y reach a high place, but the soon get his number. The he rises the greater his fall. is fall is sure.

our purpose to conduct a devoted to the issues and to people who shall feature the year of 1928. Special attention will be given to the issues that to the prosperity of New and the welfare of the state.

voters of the two great political parties are equally honest. No has a monopoly of the rascals. ow the attention of the count-centered upon scandals which out of the Teapot Dome oil Teapot Dome, grave as the is, is a small affair com-with the scandals of earlier especially the Credit Mobilier Star Routes. But the gov- continued and the people red.

a matter of fact, due to Re- an suits and prosecution the use have been recovered and overment is actually \$24,000,- head of the game. Not only Sinclair and Doheny out of all the money they spent in oment, but they have been led to pay into the treasury ice of all the oil taken out ground. Not one penny were allowed to retain for expenses ed. The millions spent by Do- under the direction of the naval ities for storing reserve oil ri Harbor near Honolulu, were y him. The government has

resolution under which the estigations were conducted by mate was proposed by a Re- in. The money for expenses appropriated by Republicans. r Walsh of Montana, an able , was selected by a Republi- enate Committee to conduct investigation. The Republican ra did not want any one ever able to say there had been a ash and they gave Walsh a and.

lawyers selected to conduct ocussions, Owen J. Roberts, Philadelphia, a Republican, and Pomerene, of Ohio, Democrat, named by President Coolidge, e money for expenses was ap- ted by a Republican Congress. a free hand was given. trial in Washington was be- Republican judge. So were als in California. A majority members of the United States ne Court, which affirmed the ents of the lower courts are icans, presided over by Wil- foward Taft, a former Repub- ument of the United States. ie are simple, uncontroversial.

hermore, let it be said to keep cord straight, and for no other ie, that E. L. Doheny has con- far more money directly Democratic National Commit- d indirectly for the election of rats to the United States Sen- an was ever contributed, di- or indirectly, so far as has disclosed, by Harry F. Sinclair Republican party.

far more importance to the of New Mexico is the main- e of a tariff for the protec- f the cattle and sheep indus- and to secure protection of Mexico cotton against the im- ons of Egyptian cotton.

leading Democrats, including following candidates for the ential nomination, have de- for reduction of the tariff: nor Al Smith, Senators Jim Thomas J. Walsh, Walter F. e, Pat Harrison, Joe Robinson, esman Cordell Hull, and Gov- Albert C. Ritchie of Mary-

so men and their friends will be the next democratic national rm. What a Democratic tariff seems to New Mexico and the rity of the United States will other story. (Special Advertisement) 15-1tc

J. C. Penny, founder of the Penny Company, recently de- "By inheritance and per- chance I am a life-long Demo- candidate, no political one declaring unequivocally that law enforcement can not be done."

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EASTER TOYS

With Easter almost upon us, it is time and to spare that we give some thought to the season's retinue of bunnies and chicks and ducks that is annually called into service for the adornment of millions of small Easter baskets.

Cocky little ducks in high hats, striped waistcoats, purple-checked breeches and green coats are bound to appeal to the child's love of the ridiculous, while a mild white bunny bursting through the small end of a large purple egg that is really a roly-poly is a plaything that will fill many childish hours with delight. Hard-boiled eggs, mulling up places like the White House lawn, get reinforcements from the chemists who make so many industrial necessities and luxuries including playthings.

Brilliant coloring has a strong appeal for the child. The bright colors that characterize modern Viscoloid blown toys are dissolved in solvents that dissolve the Viscoloid itself and are, therefore, embedded homogeneously into the material. They are absolutely safe.

This year's colorful array of blown toys, boasting green and red and yellow parrots, natty attired little ladies, all sorts of small domestic animals—clad both "au naturel" and in such costumes as might astonish the most aspiring of pets should he find himself so adorned—and many other toys designed particularly for the Easter season, offers an endless source of delight to the generous spirit of the "Easter Bunny" and his millions of eager little clients.

YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of will, a quality of the imagination; it is a freshness of the deep spring of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty, more than a boy of twenty. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old merely by deserting their ideals.

Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self distrust, fear and despair—these are long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement in the stars and the star like things and thought, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching child-like appetite for what next and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope and as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, gladness, courage and power from the earth, from men, from the infinite, so long are you young.—Home Friend Magazine.

A new slate-blue uniform has been adopted for army aviation cadets, according to a Washington dispatch. It will have a "roll-collared coat, trousers without cuffs, dress cap of overseas design, black kid shoes, black patent-leather dress belt." But there is no mention of spurs, which were such a conspicuous feature of an aviator's costume in wartime. We trust the traditions of the service are not to be overturned.—Los Angeles Times.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

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THE CANDIDATES

Before the presidential campaign gets too warm, it might be well to attempt an impartial survey of the avowed aspirants, avoiding for the moment any partisan considerations.

Undoubtedly the most prominent candidates just now are Hoover and Smith. It is said that the public is favorably disposed toward Hoover, but that the political leaders are not so strong for him. Smith will undoubtedly go to Houston with powerful support, but the Democratic two-thirds rule is against him.

Lowden has permitted his name to appear on early primary ballots, but seems disinclined to make an aggressive effort for delegates at present. Dawes is held in favor by many, but he is supporting Lowden. Curtis, Willis and Watson appear just now to be only in the favorite son class, but may develop national strength as the campaign advances.

Among the Democrats other than Smith, Reed of Missouri seems to be the most aggressive candidate, and his recent speaking tour has apparently created a favorable impression. A rather peculiar situation has developed with respect to McAdoo. Some time ago he moved to eliminate himself from the race, but more recently there were indications that he would be a receptive candidate. This was again seemingly contradicted by his declaration for Walsh of Montana, who, like Smith, is a Catholic, but a consistent "dry."

There are a number of others who have been "mentioned," but none of them has developed any tangible support of consequence. As matters now stand, it appears that the two standard bearers will be selected from the list mentioned above.

Still, anything may happen in a national convention, and a dark horse may appear at the last moment to capture the nomination of either party, or both. Who can tell?

LEA COUNTY COTTON ACREAGE

All indications point to a very large increase in the cotton acreage of Lea county for the 1928 crop.

The high prices of last year and the adaptability of our soil to the production of cotton are the two main factors causing this increase. It has been demonstrated that cotton can be grown upon the plains lands of Lea county as cheaply as anywhere else in the country. And when the soil has been properly prepared and the right kind of cultivation follows—the planting, it is by no means as unsafe crop as many people believe it to be.

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REV. JOHN ROACH STRATTON IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR CLOVIS

Dr. John Roach Stratton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City and who has been prominent the last few years on account of his bitter denunciation of the evolution theory, and who has likely come into even more prominence on account of the fact that he is pastor of Rockefeller's church, was a visitor to Clovis Saturday night. Dr. Stratton and family were returning from California when the big Buick car in which they were traveling left the road four miles south of Portales and was almost completely demolished. The prominent minister was accompanied by his wife and two children.

The members of the party were badly shaken up but none seriously hurt. The Stratton car was so badly damaged that the party was compelled to abandon it and take the Santa Fe at Portales, changing at Clovis Saturday night for Oklahoma City and other points farther east.—Clovis News.

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\$6,400 IN PRIZES TO BE GIVEN PUPILS AND TEACHERS IN CONTEST

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—(Special) offering \$6,500 in prizes for the best essays and lessons on street and highway safety, the highway education board is announcing to the schools the annual safety contest open to elementary school pupils and elementary school teachers of the nation. The competition is conducted each year with the active cooperation of the school authorities. Based on past experience, officials of the Board say they expect to receive essays, not only from each state in the union and virtually every city of size, but from the territories and outlying possessions as well, such as Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Canal Zone.

The \$6,500 in prizes is given by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, and this year includes 422 state prizes for elementary school pupils, three national prizes for pupils, and three national prizes for teachers, the latter totalling \$1,000 in cash. In addition, the pupil and the teacher whose essay and lesson respectively are chosen as the best in the nation are given a trip to Washington with all expenses paid, no matter from what section of the country they may come.

This year, according to the rules, pupils are to write essays of 500 words in length on the subject "Why We Have and Practice Traffic Rules." Teachers are given the subject "Objectives and Methods of Education in Street and Highway Safety," on which they are asked to prepare practical lessons for use, not alone in their own class rooms, but other teachers in the class rooms of the nation as well. Pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades may compete, while all teachers in the eighth and lower grades are eligible participants.

In the past six years it is estimated that more than 2,500,000 elementary school pupils and perhaps half a million teachers, have written essays and lessons on the various subjects assigned in connection with these contests, which have proved to be not only the most sustained national competitions open to the schools, but among the most popular as well. An average in excess of 400,000 pupils write essays each year, it is said, while approximately from 60,000 to 80,000 teachers write and teach safety lessons to their pupils.

The amount of \$6,500 in prizes is divided into three groups, of which more than half goes to pupils as state prizes. Altogether, 442 cash prizes and the same number of gold, silver and bronze medals are on this safety honor roll of the nation's pupils who find their names in.

Each state and territory is entitled to one first prize and one second prize. The first prize is a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars; the second award is a silver medal and a check for ten dollars. The number of third prizes, bronze medals and checks for five dollars varies in proportion to the elementary school enrollment, New York, with its dense population being entitled to twenty-five, Indiana, to eleven, Florida to four and Nevada to one, to cite certain examples. These prizes are distributed through the State Departments of Education.

METHODIST CHURCH

Despite so many of our regular folks being sick last Sunday our total attendance in Sunday school ran well over 100. Every Sunday new ones are finding their place in some of our twelve classes. Next Sunday morning a series of pre-Easter services begin in our church to run for one week ending on April 8th. At this Easter time the mind of the world is turned back to the great fact of a Saviour for humanity more than any other time of the year. The sermons each evening next week will be in keeping with the season.

On Easter morning we will have baptism and dedication of babies and children at the morning hour. Also adults if there be any.

Sermon topic Sunday morning will be: "The Means of a Revival," at the evening hour: "The Purpose of a Revival." Male quartette Sunday morning.

Young peoples meeting at 6:45 in the undercroft of the new building. These are worth while services. This is a home church for home folks.

M. F. BELL, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING

Elder Van Bonnear, of Gunter, Texas, will begin a meeting at the Church of Christ, Hagerman on Saturday, March 31. Everybody is invited to come and bring their notebooks and pencils and take notes. Elder Van Bonnear is rated as a good speaker and no doubt will draw and hold the interest of his hearers.

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DEXTER ITEMS

Irene Northam, Reporter

Mrs. Gladys McMains was a guest of Miss Effie Mae Senn Saturday night.

Miss Eva Mae O'Brine returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with relatives in Artesia.

R. W. Elliott was over from El Paso a few days last week attending to business here.

Mr. Anderson, who has had charge of the Dexter Service station, moved to Hagerman Sunday to take charge of a service station at that place.

Miss Eleanor Paddock spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock. Miss Paddock returned to her school Sunday afternoon.

Geo. B. Rowan, one of the Dexter barbers will move from Dexter. Mr. Rowan will go to Cloudercroft to take charge of his barber shop there through the summer months.

Mr. Lucas, who lives east of Dexter passed away Tuesday morning. Mr. Lucas came to this place from Texas for his health about a month ago. Mr. Lucas is survived by two sons and one daughter. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

S. E. Hamill, who has been with the Hagerman Service Station at Hagerman for the past two years, has moved here and has taken charge of the Dexter Service Station. Mr. Hamill is having the Dexter Service Station repaired and painted inside and out which will add much to its appearance.

KITCHEN CONTEST

The interest being taken in the kitchen contest work in the Dexter and Hagerman districts is most gratifying. Twenty-three names have been enrolled as contestants in this work and two meetings have been held at which Miss Velma Borschell from the State College outlined some feature of the work. This work is being continued with the idea that kitchen improvements are within reach of many more homes than at first might be supposed. It seems to be a habit to neglect the matter of kitchen improvement more because no time is set aside for doing such work, than because the improvements are expensive. On many of the farms in this community water can be placed in the house at a very small cost, but is not done because it has not been seriously considered. A hydraulic ram may be used in connection with artesian wells to pump the water to higher levels. Elevated tanks may be erected at very small expense and water piped into the house. In many cases the drain from the sink can be discharged into an irrigation ditch and the waste water carried away. The following is a list of the members now enrolled and whose kitchens have already been inspected and scored:

Hagerman District

Mrs. A. F. Clark, Mrs. C. W. Curry, Mrs. L. E. Lane, Mrs. E. R. McKinstry, Mrs. Tom McKinstry, Mrs. James McKinstry, Mrs. Lloyd Harshey, Mrs. Cassabone, Mrs. E. A. White, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mrs. Harry Cowan, Mrs. J. E. Wimberly, Mrs. Boy Curry, Mrs. B. J. West, Mrs. Bert Bailey, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Mrs. Stella B. Palmer.

Dexter District

Mrs. R. I. Lowe, Mrs. Ora McMain, Mrs. Kuykendall, Mrs. Frank Reinecke, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Wattenberger, Mrs. L. Martin, Mrs. M. C. Snow.

At the close of the contest the kitchens will again be scored and awards made to designate the winners.—Farm Bureau Bulletin.

An engineer, surveying the right of way for a proposed railroad, in 1870, was talking to a farmer. "Yes," he said, "the line will run right through your barnyard." "Well," answered the farmer, "ye can do it, if ye want, but I'll be jiggered if I'll git up in the night just to open the gate every time a train comes through."—Capper's Weekly.

Jones, the little henpecked plumber, rang the bell. Mrs. Newleak came to the door with Mr. Newleak close behind. The latter who was very methodical, remarked, "I wish before we go upstairs to acquaint you with the trouble."

Jones lifted his hat and bowed. "I'm pleased to meet you, ma'am," he mumbled.

Little Jimmy, a bright youngster of six, had been out in the street playing. At a call from his mother he returned home, but imagine her surprise when she noticed one of his eyes black and swollen. "Young man," she exclaimed somewhat alarmed, "where did you get that black eye?"

"I was chasing that new boy next door an' I caught 'im," was his frank reply.—Ex.

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SOME FRUITY SAUCES AND DAINTY DESSERTS



WHEN the wind howls and rain lashes the window panes, the wise housewife plans to serve foods which convey an idea of warmth. Among the best for this purpose is fruit, the food which ripens beneath the warm summer sun! And of the fruits, pineapple, which carries with it the succulence of the yellow light of the Southern Seas, seems to bring most delight to the family.

How to prepare pineapple? Here are a few excellent methods:

Pineapple-Mint Sauce: Boil two cups of sugar and one-half cup of water to a thick syrup. Color with vegetable coloring a brilliant green. When cool add one drop of oil of peppermint and one can crushed Hawaiian pineapple. Serve on ice-cream.

Golden Desserts

Pineapple Blanc Manger: Scald two and one-half cups milk in double boiler. Thoroughly blend seven tablespoons cornstarch, one-fourth teaspoon salt, and six tablespoons sugar with one-half cup pineapple syrup. Add very slowly to the milk to prevent curdling, and cook in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, fold in stiffly beaten whites of two eggs and one cup drained crushed pineapple. Mold and chill. Serve with pineapple sauce.

Golden Sauce: Mix two teaspoons cornstarch and one-fourth cup sugar and add one-half cup cold water and one-half cup pineapple syrup. Cook,

stirring constantly until it thickens. Remove from fire and add butter and one ring of finely cut pineapple. Serve very cold with the blanc manger.

Frozen Parfait

Pineapple-Butterscotch Parfait: Melt three tablespoons butter and one and one-half cups brown sugar in a skillet; let simmer a few minutes, but avoid burning. Add three-fourths cup pineapple syrup and let boil to the soft ball stage (238°). Pour over three slightly beaten egg yolks and cook gently until thickened. Cool, then fold in three stiffly beaten egg whites, whip one and one-half cups heavy cream and one and one-half cups crushed pineapple. Pack in individual molds or in paper cases and pack in salt and ice for four hours. This serves eight.

Red Pineapple Sauce: Cook together one cup canned raspberries, one-third cup sugar, and two cups crushed Hawaiian pineapple. Cook slowly thirty minutes, stirring frequently. Serve hot on cake. This recipe can be varied by using strawberries, or other fruits.

Pineapple Hard Sauce: Beat four tablespoons of butter with one-half cup sugar until the mixture is white and light, creamy and smooth. Add a teaspoon of vanilla extract and a cup of crushed Hawaiian pineapple which has drained for about an hour. Mix well and chill before serving on pudding.

ALCOHOL MIXTURE NEW MOTOR FUEL

WARSAW, Poland.—An official commission of specialists has made successful experiments with a new motor fuel, an alcohol invented by an engineer named Jezierski.

The commission found that the mixture, which is made from ordinary alcohol of 92 to 94 proof, gives an easier start, smoother motion and saves from 30 to 55 per cent of the fuel consumption as compared with benzine.

HIGH DEATH RATE FOR NEW MEXICO'S BABIES

Fourteen babies to every 100 born in New Mexico in 1926 died before they were one year old, Dr. G. S. Luckett, state health officer, said Saturday.

"When we realize that this figure for New York City is only about six, it is apparent that more than twice as many babies die in this state than should be lost under modern conditions," he said.

Agent: "But you should not drop your husband's insurance."
Wife: "Well, I've kept it five years, but I've had no luck."

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

OFFICERS VISIT JAIL

The first of the week Sheriff Cain went to the jail country and brought in a complete outfit for making whiskey. It included a very large copper still, now much the worse for having been badly mutilated seemingly with an ax, and almost a truckload of barrels for holding the mash.

Numerous arrests have been made in that section of the country recently upon the charge of bootlegging and stills have been destroyed before this. It is rumored that the bootlegging fraternity have fallen out among themselves and that some of them are assisting the officers in obtaining information against the others. This ought to make it easier for the officers to round up a considerable number of these people.

Sheriff Cain has appointed Tom Bingham as special deputy for that part of the country and he is already on the job. With the opening of the oil fields in that section of the country it is going to be a difficult thing to enforce the law especially when so many transient and irresponsible people are drifting in.—Lovington Leader.

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Chaves County Crop Valuation

A complete crop survey of Chaves county has been recently compiled by Claude Simpson, secretary of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. This report reached us too late for publication last week, but we published a preliminary report of the 1926-1927 crop in our last issue. Those who are interested in the possibilities of Chaves county will be interested in the report:

Crop	1927 Acres	Total Value	Average 1923 to 1927		Total Value
			per A	acres	
Cotton	16,782	\$1,487,107.00	88.61	16,240	1,254.18
Alfalfa	15,637	731,256.00	46.76	15,301	706.63
Apples	1,992	183,600.00	67.06	2,630	215.38
Corn	3,557	118,270.00	33.25	2,750	91.18
Wheat	270	9,720.00	36.00	156	4.98
Oats	11,428	38,583.00	27.00	1,029	23.18
Grain Sorghum	1,365	27,300.00	20.00	1,401	24.11
Truck	125	50,000.00	400.00	110	52.50
Miscellaneous	421	7,578.00	18.00	669	13.88
Total	41,578	\$2,603,414.00	\$62.61	40,286	\$2,386.26

Total cotton yield in County

Year	Yield	Average
1923	5,225 Bales	
1924	10,900 Bales	
1925	12,199 Bales	
1926	11,603 Bales	
1927	12,316 Bales	

ROSSELL TO HAVE 4-STORY BUILDING

J. P. White is to add two stories to his building at Roswell, giving 50 more office rooms and installing elevator service. This will be Roswell's first four-story office building.

Gladys: "So your parents are going to have your marriage annulled?"

Betty: "Yes, they're getting a divorce. I just can't make it. I'm old enough to get a divorce."

A schoolboy of Perry has a name that sounds like a tune on a banjo. His name is Pinkypank, his name is Hinckey, his name is Dinkey, so he is called Hinky Pinkypank.

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BOY SCOUTS WILL HOLD STATE MEET AT ALBUQUERQUE APRIL 5

On April 5th, a state wide meeting of Scout officials, scoutmasters and laymen will be held in Albuquerque at the Franciscan hotel.

O. H. Benson, director of the department of rural scouting, Boy Scouts of America, and Arthur A. Shuck, assistant national field director, both of New York, Frank W. Wozencraft, former mayor of Dallas, Texas and regional chairman of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, James P. Fitch, regional executive and B. T. B. Hyde, special national field commissioner will be present at the meeting.

Scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, troop committeemen, council and executive board members, merit badge examiners and instructors and all other men connected with or interested in Scouting are invited to be present at this meeting.

Scout Executive Minor Huffman of the Eastern New Mexico council, Earl E. Irish of the Kit Carson council and Clyde Baker of the Gila Grande council are expected to be present and participate.

This is the first statewide meeting of the Boy Scout officials in New Mexico and will probably become an annual affair. A large attendance is indicated.

REDINGTON PRAISES NEW MEXICO

Paul G. Redington, recently appointed chief of the U. S. biological survey, thinks very highly of New Mexico sportsmen and conservationists. Returning to Washington from an extended inspection tour through the western states, he was induced to stop over at Santa Fe and deliver an address at the annual dinner of the Santa Fe game protective association, where he was loud in his praises of the conservation work going forward in this state.

Mr. Redington stated that he had now visited every state in the Union and conferred with their conservation officials, and that New Mexico is well toward the top of the list in the matter of public sentiment for game conservation, and progress in wild life restoration. He contrasted present conditions with those which obtained during the period from 1916 to 1920, when he was a member of the forest service and stationed at Albuquerque, and said that the advancement which has been made since that time is well nigh unbelievable. He prophesied that New Mexico would soon set the mark for the rest of the nation to shoot at in conservation matters, and gave it as his opinion that this condition is due solely to the fact that public sentiment has developed to the point where the sportsman will no longer countenance anything that will interfere with the restoration program.

Mr. Redington made a plea for close cooperation between the state game and fish department and the biological survey, in view of the fact that both agencies are concerned with the same problems and working toward the same goal. While his bureau is charged with the responsibility for regulating the seasons and bag limits on migratory birds throughout the country, he is very desirous that they shall have the approval of the conservation officials and sportsmen of the state.

The new chief visited several of the water fowl concentration areas in the Rio Grande Valley on his way

The nail picker developed by Col. Harry Andrew of the Spring & Forging Company of Roswell for the use of the state highway department has been such a success and of such possibilities that it has been followed by the ordering of three more from Col. Andrew. It is the intention to finally place at least one in each highway district of the state.

This nail picker, as it has been called, is an electro-magnet mounted on a small truck and possessing sufficient power to pick up practically all pieces of metal over which it passes. Its power is very strong, and it holds to large pieces of metal with a tenacious grip. Its worth has been thoroughly tested by the state highway department in many trips over the road around Roswell and further west. It has on each trip picked up an enormous large quantity of metal, which left in the roads would have eventually meant numerous punctures and much misery for automobilists, as well as financial loss.

Col. Andrew has ordered material for the new machines and when it arrives they will be put together and the machines turned over to the highway department for use.—Roswell Record.

"VEGETABLE" CURIOSITY

A remarkable specimen of vegetation was brought to town a few days ago, and is on exhibition at the office of the J. T. West grain and feed warehouse. It would take a good guesser, and several guesses to identify it and then one might probably fail. It looks very much like a mammoth sweet potato, but is altogether too large to be mistaken for one, being sixteen inches in diameter, 30 inches long, and weighs 121 pounds. The specimen is part of the root growth of the insignificant little Mexican gourd vine, or as some call it the nigger gourd vine, which spreads itself over the ground and looks like it has only a slight hold on the ground it grows on. It was found on the farm of Mr. Sam McKinstry and brought to town by him. Only a part of the remarkable growth was gotten out, a piece off the top, and several feet more, probably as many as ten or twelve, remain under ground.

TOAD CLAIMS 750,000 YEARS AS LIFE SPAN

DENVER, Colo.—An Oklahoma toad whose owners contined it was some 750,000 years old was entered yesterday in the Southwestern lizard-frog longevity contest.

The toad crawled out of pleistocene rock, it was said, but it neglected to bring an affidavit with it.

The rock was a mud ball back in the pre-evalutionary days of glaciers and dinosaurs—if dinosaurs lived in the pleistocene age and partisans of the frog contend it had become sealed in the mud and had lived there ever since. It was blind. Scientists declined to comment.

So did the toad, which was named "Pliesty" on general principles. The rock was found in a gravel pit near Frederick, Oklahoma.

to Santa Fe and was amazed at the fact that the ducks were quite tame, indicating that they are not being disturbed by out-of-season shooters.

LOCALS

C. C. Uritchard, of Roswell, was in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. Hedges, who has been quite sick, is reported to be improving.

J. H. Reeves, of Lake Arthur, was in town yesterday looking after business matters.

Mrs. Dewey Davis went to Carlsbad yesterday, on the Sunset stage, returning in the afternoon.

E. W. Mitchell and family, of Roswell, were down Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Mitchell.

Mesdames A. L. Nail and R. L. Collins, went to Artesia Friday last, the journey being made for the purpose of having some dental work done.

The shed-awning in front of the Woodmas store has been torn down, and a new one of approved design and improved appearance is being erected in its place.

Chas. Tanner, of the R. G. Campbell garage and filling station went to Amarillo, Texas on a business trip, leaving Sunday, expecting to be gone several days.

Judge G. C. Hanna, of Roswell, was in Hagerman Saturday, shaking hands with his numerous friends and acquaintances. He was accompanied by C. E. Wisely, also of Roswell.

Mrs. Vetter Brown went to Clovis last Thursday to visit her brother, Louis Michelet, expecting to be gone about a week. Mr. Michelet is employed by the Santa Fe company at that place.

G. M. Bogart leaves this week for Spur, Texas and neighboring towns taking a load of honey to sell to the people of that locality. Mrs. Bogart also goes with him on the trip. They expect to be gone for a week or more.

Another new business concern opens up in town this week, the new meat market of E. T. Swisher, in the stand formerly occupied by Arthur Robinson. An advertisement of the new business appears in another column.

Miss Ethel Smith made a weekend trip to El Paso for the purpose of having some dental work done, last week. The journey from Roswell was made by auto in company with Mrs. Louise Coe, State Senator from this district, a friend of Miss Smith's.

News was received yesterday in Hagerman announcing the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Guy West, of Silver City. Mr. West, formerly of this place, where his parents now reside, is teacher in the State Teachers' College at Silver City.

Wm. O'Keefe, father of Mrs. M. F. Bell, will undergo an operation on his right eye next Tuesday morning in an effort made to save the vision of this eye, his other eye being already almost sightless. Dr. Swearingen, of Roswell, will perform the operation.

Charles Goodman, of the Hamilton Dry Cleaners, was in town yesterday, representing his house. Announced last week, their white car will make two trips a week to this place, gathering up and returning work. Calls will be made on Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs. Olen Potter left last Thursday for Seymour, Texas, where she will make a visit to her mother's home and be with her during a minor operation, a nasal trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Potter are recent comers here, the former being employed with the J. L. Bowen barber shop.

E. M. Hughes and family, of Whiteboro, Texas, has been stopping in town for a day or two looking over this part of the country as a prospective new place of residence. Notwithstanding the wind and dust of the past two days Mr. Hughes says he is favorably inclined to this section of the country.

An effort is being made to have the Carlsbad Veing area designated a national park, inclusive of the present monument area. This move may not bring more money, or further development that we now have. But for the future, it means protection of an area among the most interesting and beautiful of all America, and the preservation for the future of the rugged virgin beauties within it.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

A DEADLOCK

Two Scotsmen took dinner together in a restaurant. After dinner the waiter brought the bill. The two sat and talked for a couple of hours, after which conversation failed, and they merely smoked in silence.

At 1 o'clock in the morning one of them got up and telephoned to his wife, "Dinna wait up any longer for me, lass," he said; "It looks like a deadlock."

Special for Saturday—3-pound can of Early Breakfast Coffee, \$1.49. K. & K. Grocery. 13-1tc

IN SOCIETY

ICE CREAM SUPPER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

Many who have been watching the new park on the north side of town come into being will be pleased to learn that quite a lot of improvement is going on lately.

Volunteers were called for by Prof. E. A. White, superintendent of Hagerman high school, a few days ago to help beautify the grounds. More answered the call than could take part in the project. Cars, shovels, axes and so forth were brought. Ten boys got in cars and went to the forest to dig up trees, accompanied by Prof. White. His crowd and the others brought back about sixty nice young trees some twelve and some fifteen feet high. All were well rooted. While this was being done, Prof. D. W. Hulet, head of the Agriculture Department, an expert in tree life, was preparing holes for the new trees. After the trees were set out the Hagerman Irrigation Company was good enough to furnish water to water all the trees.

Immediately following this commendable volunteer service the boys were invited to an ice cream and cake feast which had been prepared by a number of the senior girls under the direction of Miss Cola E. Ramsey, head of home economics department. Four gallons of ice and cakes in proportion were served. The boys thanked the girls who had prepared the banquet and Prof. White whose guests they were and went away happy anticipating another feed next year under similar conditions. Prof. White has said several times that this is the best set of boys to work that he has ever been acquainted with.

The Governor has dedicated a day as "Arbor Day." The boys, girls and faculty invite Hagerman's patrons and friends to celebrate that day by driving by and looking at the work that has been done.—Now wait we will be out in a few days begging more bulbs and shrubbery.

Since it is so inexpensive, why not compliment our girls and boys for taking part in such a worthy undertaking? It will do them good in several respects. It will make them happy and besides it will help to develop a civic pride in them that should be a part of every girl's and boy's education.

The following deserve worthy mention: Aylene Adams, Mary Gladys Anderson, Vene White, Ethel Dozier, Alice Williamson, Carl Holden, Tom Utterback, Edgar Walters, Alexander Vigil, Fay Hoyt, Carl Hanson, Ross Langenecker, Raynald Cumpsten, Olan Campbell, Raymond Bitney, Claude Pille, Dennis Harris, Ray Lankford, Royce Lankford, Pickens West, Basil Barnett, Bernice Barnett, Fred Heitman, William Heitman, and Billy Jo Burk.

CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. William James celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday, March 19th. They were married at Coulterville, Illinois, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Campbell and left at once for their home on the plains of Nebraska.

Mr. James had visited the then new state of Nebraska in 1872 and had led a small colony of brothers, other relatives and neighbors to Webster county, Nebraska in 1873. There the colony of Presbyterians established homes and organized a church, together fighting prairie fires, enduring blizzards, surviving the historical grasshopper year, when that pest destroyed all their crops, and finally winning homes there.

The country was still very new when Mr. James arrived there with his wife in 1878. They resided in Webster county until 1909 when they came to Hagerman, yielding at last to a desire to locate in the Pecos Valley, where they found more pleasant winter climate.

Mr. and Mrs. James are members of the Hagerman Presbyterian church, adhering to the church of their childhood and that of their Scotch Irish ancestors.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The ladies Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. A. L. Van Arsdol yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon. The president, Mrs. West, had charge of the meeting. Plans were made for the apron, bonnet and tea towel sale to be held in connection with the bake sale Saturday afternoon at the Carter Grocery.

After the business meeting refreshments of cocoa, ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Those in attendance were Mesdames E. T. Swisher, C. E. Carter, C. H. Stroud, B. J. West, M. F. Bell, C. G. Mason, J. W. Campbell, Miss Della Crisler.

MEETING OF CEMETERY ASSN.

A meeting of the Hagerman Cemetery Association will be held Thursday afternoon, April 5, at the home of Mrs. A. A. Bailey. Election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may need attention will come up before the meeting. A full attendance is desired.

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SURPRISE DINNER PARTY

Friends of Mrs. Ernest Bowen gave her a surprise dinner party last Thursday evening. During her temporary absence from home some of them took advantage of the opportunity to arrange for a nice little dinner, gotten up in her honor and all set and waiting upon her return. The dinner was served at 7 o'clock, and those who were present to do it justice were Messrs. and Mesdames H. L. McKinstry, A. L. Nail, R. L. Collins, Dub Andrus, Harold Miller and Miss Elizabeth McKinstry.

After dinner, bridge was played, in which Mrs. Miller won the ladies high score and Mr. Nail high score for gentlemen.

MADE TRIP TO CAVERNS

Mrs. D. A. Marrs, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gant, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Camp and Mr. Charley Kiper composed a party that made a trip to the Carlsbad caverns last Sunday. Members of the party say the cavern sights are simply wonderful and well worth going a much greater distance to see. Like all who go they were enthusiastic over the wonders and beauties of this great natural wonder.

BIRTHDAY PARTY OF GEORGE MARK LOSEY

Master George Mark Losey gave a party to a number of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Thursday afternoon. Celebration of his third wonderfully jolly time by the little ones from morning till 12 noon. Pretty birthday cake is candles, besides cookies and cream for the little guests.

Games were played leading to enjoy the day in nothing to mar their fun.

The guests were Jimmie, Bert West, Bobbie and Louise, Lois Jean, Louise McKinstry, Charles Michelet.

The mothers of all were also present and guests.

Town election next 3.

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