

THE MESSENGER

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Hagerman, in the Pecos Valley's richest farming belt.

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Dexter Woman's Club Celebrates 8th Birthday

On Thursday afternoon of last week, from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock, the Dexter Woman's club celebrated its 8th anniversary of their organization in the rooms at Lake Arthur club house. Great Navajo rugs, valentines, colorful decorations and potted plants made the room charming and colorful. Mrs. Hetta Durand, a charter member, gave an account of the history of the club in a very interesting manner. Mrs. Frank Wortman, president, read the minutes of the club in former years. Following a group of songs by the quartette, Mrs. Ray Blocker of Artesia gave a review of the club in this district. Talks were given by other members of the club.

A beautifully laid table, covered with a fine old lace cloth, lighted with red tapers in silver holders, and a huge cake holding twenty-eight candles. From this Mesdames Gertrude Durand of Dexter, Roger Durand of Artesia, and Frank Blocker of Abilene, Texas, poured a delicious punch. Mrs. Durand was the guest of honor of blowing out the candles because of being the oldest charter member present. To hope she might live to see the Dexter Woman's club celebrate its 100th birthday, she is a very old woman. Mrs. Durand is now 85 years of age. The local school faculty, T. E. are also tea guests.

LEA PIONEER DEAD

There was a feeling of sadness in the hearts of many of the old residents of the plains country when the news went abroad on the 19th that Ben Warren, aged 55, was dead at his home north of Lovington. His death was not unexpected, having been in extremely bad health for a number of months. He was born in Lubbock for some time, he was told that his father here were numbered. He had suffered from a severe sinus trouble and later other complications set up which rendered his recovery impossible.

The funeral services were conducted at the Lovington Methodist church and the spacious building was crowded with friends who came from far and near to pay their last respects to his memory. Beautiful floral offerings were sent which his friends and neighbors had for him.

URVEY SHOWS 7,189 IN STATE ARE UNEMPLOYED

SANTA FE—The preliminary survey by counties as of January 15 of this year shows there are 7,189 unemployed in New Mexico. The estimated number of employables in the preliminary study placed at 20,656.

Unemployables include persons over 60 years old, those who are physically unfit to work and those handicapped in their ways.

otewood Farmers Plan A Rabbit Drive For Sunday Morning

A rabbit drive has been planned for the Cottonwood community on Sunday morning. The drive will start at 9:30 o'clock at a back place, one and one-half miles west from the old Norton cross on the old Cottonwood road and will proceed west to the Jessunk place, where dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is requested to participate in the drive and to bring a shotgun. It is hoped to cover as much ground as possible, but the amount of ground covered will depend on the number of hunters participating. The hunters or participants will be placed fifty or more yards apart, close enough to prevent any rabbit from passing through and will drive toward the Funk place, covering a large amount of the farming land as well.

Rabbits have been proving very profitable to alfalfa and small crops and have appeared in large numbers this year. Several rabbit drives have been held in the region in years past with a total of 3,000 to 4,000 rabbits in one day and farmers are disappointed at the Sunday's drive will be disappointing.

The Southern Chaves Cotton Committee Is Elected Last Week

The community cotton committee, representing the southern part of Chaves county, is composed of J. R. Spence of Lake Arthur, Harry Cowan of Hagerman, and R. G. Durand of Dexter. These committees were elected at meetings of cotton growers held at these three communities last week. Only landlords and manging share tenants who signed cotton reduction contracts last spring are entitled to vote in these elections.

The community committees and the county committee have charge of determining eligibility of 1935 cotton reduction contracts and are to supervise the making of these contracts.

ROSWELL GETS SNOW

A threatening blizzard failed to materialize here Friday as a high north wind swept dark clouds overhead, but Roswell and the upper valley received one of the hardest three-hour snows of the season. A heavy snow fell as far south as Hagerman from about noon until 3:00 o'clock Friday.

"Hot Oil" Measure Passes The House

WASHINGTON—The house passed late Monday an amended senate bill to forbid movement of "hot oil" across state lines and designed to replace previous legislation held invalid by the supreme court. Different in many respects from the bill of Senator Connally (D-Tex.), the proposal now goes back to the senate. Should it be approved there, it would go to the president for signature but expected objections likely will send it to a conference committee.

LAKE ARTHUR GIRL HONORED AT McMURRY

From McMurry College at Abilene, Texas, comes news that Miss Mary Nihart was put on the honor roll for her first semester's standing. She is also a member of the Alpha Theta Nu, a literary sorority, and of the Lay Activity club. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nihart of Lake Arthur.

SECOND CCC CAMP IN SOUTH EDDY COUNTY

The second CCC camp for south Eddy county will be established in the Thayer ranch region, near Queen, it was announced at Carlsbad last week. The camp to be established between April 1 and May 1, will have a personnel of approximately 250 men. The CCC camp will improve the road to Sitting Bull Falls and build a road up Last Chance Canyon. In addition twenty men in the Queen area have offered to give three days per week for five miles of road work near Queen.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES CONFERENCE IN CARLSBAD

The regional conference of the Public Health Nurses of Lea, Lincoln, Otero, Chaves and Eddy counties was held Monday and Tuesday at the La Caverna Hotel in Carlsbad. Misses Grace Coffman and Jean Egbert, each of Santa Fe, presided over the meetings. On Monday Miss Helen James of Otero county, discussed the educational value of the public health nurse to the home, school and to the community. Mrs. Edith Hardy of Eddy county presented an interesting discussion at the session. Other subjects discussed were record cards and nurses uniforms. The day was closed with a dinner and entertainment at the hotel in the evening.

At The Tuesday morning session Miss Jean Egbert discussed "Mid-winter." Miss Egbert has just returned from Scotland where she made a special study of the subject.

NEW POTASH PROCESS

WASHINGTON—A new method of extracting the valuable fertilizer ingredient potassium chloride, from potash ore has been discovered by the U. S. bureau of mines. Officials of the bureau said their engineers will explain the completed experiment before the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers meeting in annual convention in New York next week.

The Oil Allowable Is Decreased 100 Barrels For March

C. J. Dexter, New Mexico production chairman, Tuesday received a telegram from Harold L. Licks, national petroleum administrator, setting the state and national oil allowable for the month of March. The net state allowable based on the consumer demand for March was placed at 49,300 barrels daily, a decrease of 100 barrels per day and the national oil allowable was set at 2,520,300 barrels daily, a decrease of 5,800 barrels daily.

An allocation meeting will be held some time during the early part of March to allocate this production between the eleven different pools of the state.

INTEREST SHOWN IN THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mrs. Doris Deter Welborne is very enthusiastic over the coming music festival to be held in Roswell on March 21, 22 and 23, and of the Tri-State festival held in Carlsbad the following months on April 11th and 12th.

There has been some very encouraging interest shown from all over New Mexico and this one promises to be one of the best ever held in the valley. There are classifications for the different divisions, and proper awards for winners," said Mrs. Welborne, "and the cooperation is typical of the music lovers."

Other officers of the New Mexico division are: Manuel Oracion, first vice-president, Roswell; Mrs. Daisy Notley Guffin, secretary-treasurer, Roswell; Mrs. Jeffie Lee Bynum, press reporter, Carlsbad. Representative of the Tri-State board of directors are: A. B. Chase, Clovis, and Manuel Oracion, Roswell.

Absentee Ballot Law Given Blow

ALBUQUERQUE—Ralph A. Thompson, republican of Harding county, and the unsuccessful candidate for sheriff of Harding county, was declared elected over his opponent, A. J. Schier, democrat, who was declared elected by the county canvassing board last November, in a ruling Thursday by Judge Joseph L. Dailey, who held the state law governing absentee balloting and counting unconstitutional.

The opinion came as a result of a contest initiated by Thompson in which a hearing was held last week at Raton with Judge Dailey presiding, and declares 61 absentee ballots cast for Schier as illegal because they were cast under unconstitutional statute.

The law in question, section 127 of the 1933 session laws which repealed sections 333 to 336 inclusive, of section 41 of the session laws of 1927, Judge Dailey's opinion holds in one, article seven of the constitution of New Mexico. It is unconstitutional, the opinion holds, because it provides that county commissioners act as election judges in counting absentee ballots without regard to party affiliations. The constitution declares that not more than two election judges shall be of the same party. Under the present law, the commissioners might all be of the same party and further might be candidates for election.

Further, the law violates the constitution, the opinion holds, in that it makes the county the unit of voting whereas the constitution provides that the precinct shall be the voting unit in both county and state elections.

Dailey's decision does not affect the entire county election, nor does it affect elections in other counties.

However, in the event that Schier appeals his case to the supreme court, a final test of the validity of the statute would be forthcoming, and the decision of the court, were it to affirm Dailey's finding, would be binding on the state, and would cast out the law.

HIGH IN TRUCK CROPS

With a value per acre of \$125.91 for 1934, New Mexico truck farming was rated as sixth among the 48 states in the United States, it was stated Monday. There were only eight states in the union with a value of over \$100 per acre.

GOVERNOR CLYDE TINGLEY SAID MONDAY HE HOPED TO ARRANGE A GATHERING OF ALL GOVERNORS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN NEW MEXICO SOME TIME DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

A two-year extension of the national recovery law with "its fundamental purposes and principles" renewed was recommended to the national congress yesterday (Continued on last page, column 7)

SEVEN NEW WELLS MAY START SOON

New Tests in Eddy and Lea Counties Will Add Interest--Amerada Well Is Disappointing Thus Far.

Unless additional oil is developed in the State I-D of the Amerada Petroleum Company's well in sec. 1-20-36, near the abandoned town of Monument, the oil fraternity must look elsewhere to open new pools. Oil operators have been watching the progress of this test for more than two weeks. Monday rumors were circulated the State I-D had made oil at the rate of 3,500 barrels on a twelve-hour test from a depth of 3895 feet. An actual six-hour test through tubing, however, showed different results. A six barrel per hour flow was made through tubing and the well was shut down for orders. The Amerada well will likely be drilled deeper with good prospects of increasing the production or if this fails, acid treatment may be applied. Present developments will create additional activity in this area.

Some acreage in the Monument district and in the southeastern portion of Lea county has changed hands at fair to fancy prices. Acreage near the Texas line in twp. 20-38, has sold recently for \$50.00 to \$75.00 per acre, while acreage in the Monument district is reported to have sold as high as \$100.00 per acre.

Eddy Wells Watched

The progress of two wells in Eddy county will be followed with interest. The Getty Oil Co., is rigging a rotary at 230 feet on its Dooley No. 7 in the NW sec. 24-20-29, in southeastern Eddy. This test will be carried to 6000 feet unless good commercial production is encountered sooner. A wildcat well in eastern Eddy, the Nunlee No. 1 of Harry Leonard, sec. 27-16-30, developed a four barrel showing of oil at 2920 feet. Drilling is underway below 3100 feet.

Seven Locations

Seven locations were staked the past week, two in Eddy county and five in Lea. The Eddy county wells to start soon are the R. D. Compton, Mann No. 6, NE sec. 4-18-27, and the Wills et al, Levers No. 1, in the NE sec. 35-20-28. In Lea county the Empire Gas and Fuel Co., has staked a location for its Everett No. 3 in the SW sec. 25-24-36. The Skelly Oil Co., State 2-B, SW sec. 16-21-36. The Gypsy Oil Co., Bell-Ramsey No. 4, NE sec. 9-21-36. The Continental Oil Co., A. E. Meyers A-18 No. 2, SE sec. 18-21-36, and the Noble and Co., Townsite No. 1, SE sec. 34-18-38.

One of the best wells recently completed in the Hobbs district is the Cusack et al., sec. 28-18-38, which flowed at the rate of 7,125 barrels on an open flow after treating with acid. The gas flow measured 8,000,000 cubic feet. The total depth of the well was 4200 feet.

The Gypsy Oil Co., has also completed its Houston No. 1 in the SE sec. 7-21-36, at a depth of 3917 feet. The initial production was gauged at 836 barrels daily.

Near the proven area in the Eunice district the State No. 1 of the Shell Petroleum Corp., sec. 12-21-35, plugged back from 4404 to 3988 feet and is standing cemented.

General News Briefs

Oklahoma's woman pen warden, Mrs. George A. Waters, will be replaced by a man, it was announced at Granite, Oklahoma, Monday, after thirty-one inmates had escaped, killing a guard. Eighteen prisoners were still at large Monday.

Bruno Hauptmann sent out word in his death cell at the New Jersey state prison Monday he wanted no delay in appealing his conviction for the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

Governor Clyde Tingley said Monday he hoped to arrange a gathering of all governors and the president of the United States in New Mexico some time during the summer months.

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Heart Attack Is Fatal To Hagerman Resident Monday

E. L. Bitney was found dead last Monday at his home following an attack of heart trouble. He had not been well for several months, but did not complain, and those with whom he associated did not realize his condition. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church, amid a large circle of friends. There were beautiful floral offerings and the Rev. Garrett, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Slade of the Methodist church, officiated. Burial was made in the Hagerman cemetery beside his wife and son, Raymond.

E. L. Bitney was born in Wisconsin on September 26, 1869, and died February 18, 1935. In 1873 with his family he moved to Nebraska. In 1907 with his wife and two sons, he moved to Hagerman and lived until 1910, going back to Nebraska for more than ten years, returning to the Pecos valley in 1921. Farming was always his occupation, and his especial pleasures were hunting and fishing.

The youngest son, Raymond, passed away several years ago, following an accident at Love Field, Dallas, where he was an aviation student. Mrs. Bitney passed away several years ago. Both are buried in Hagerman. Surviving him are: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bitney, and the grandson, Gerald Raymond, of Lincoln, Nebraska; three brothers, W. E. Bitney and Frank Bitney of Neligh, Nebraska, and Elton Bitney of Visalia, California, and one sister, Annie Goodell of Visalia, California. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bitney arrived on Tuesday night in response to news of his father's death.

Dist. Judge Hears The Guilty Pleas

Paul Galloway, Carlsbad youth, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter when arraigned before Judge McGhee Thursday in connection with the death in an auto accident of Mrs. Annie A. Plinsky, Carlsbad boarding house operator, on Sunday, February 10th. Galloway's trial was set for March 14th and he was freed on bond.

McGhee heard three other pleas of guilty in criminal cases and disposed of several civil cases before leaving for his home at Roswell.

Pete Gonzales pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from a store, and was sentenced to serve from two and one-half to five years in the state penitentiary.

Sam Harrison, charged with selling untaxed liquor, pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced March 4th. Cecil Hall pleaded guilty to larceny in connection with the theft of honey from the J. H. Long farm near Carlsbad. Sentence was deferred.

HOLD HOODLUM AT LOVINGTON

Blackie Smalley, 40, who officers say is a one-time member of the old "Pretty Boy" Floyd gang, is in jail at Lovington awaiting the arrival of officers from Mena, Arkansas, where he is wanted for robbery for firearms.

Smalley was arrested at Hobbs yesterday with his wife and Eva Richetti Simpson, her sister, by Deputy Sheriff Wilford Kerley and another officer.

Kerley said the trio was picked up when officers suspected the car in which they were riding to be stolen. Smalley tried to get his gun, a .45 revolver, but Kerley said he was overpowered before he could use the weapon.

Marie Smalley and her sister were released, Kerley said, as the Arkansas authorities said they were not wanted.

The car proved to be one that Marie Smalley had secured with a down payment at Wewoka, Oklahoma, then left the state. A representative of a Wewoka garage is at Hobbs to secure possession of the machine.

PRICE OF HAY DECLINES

The price of alfalfa hay has declined since reaching the high point last December, which was about \$26.00 per ton. Several cars and truck loads of hay have been sold for \$21.00 per ton recently, it was understood.

VALLEY ROAD NOW U. S. HIGHWAY

State highway No. 2, which traverses the Pecos valley north and south, has been designated as U. S. highway 285 and signs have been erected along the highway this week. U. S. highway 285 extends from Fort Stockton, Texas, through Pecos, Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell and Vaughn.

The Severance Tax Passes New Mexico House Last Friday

SANTA FE—The house Friday passed, after considerable and heated debate, the severance tax, drastically amended, 27 to 20, with two members absent.

Defended from "Bunker Hill and Valley Forge" to date and opposed from the "first oil well" to date, the measure was amended so that rates on basic metals—gold, silver, lead, copper, zinc, etc.—were cut to one-tenth of one per cent from the original two in the bill; rate on gas to one-tenth of a cent per 1,000 feet from five-tenths; timber eliminated, casing head gas eliminated and tax on stone and all other metals not specifically mentioned were cut to one-fourth of one per cent.

A strenuous fight was made to eliminate coal and potash, but each failed.

THANKS FOR RENEWALS

Mrs. W. E. Bowen, J. H. King, Jack Sweatt, C. W. Curry and Harry Cowan.

New Subscriptions

Mrs. A. F. Clark, Sterling City, Texas, Wiley Grizzle and Mrs. C. E. Wheelock.

Plans Are Made For Music Meet

At a meeting of the Pecos Valley Music Teachers' Association at Artesia Sunday afternoon, plans were made for the state convention to be held in Roswell March 22 and 23.

Judges, two of whom will come from the Cincinnati Conservancy of Music, were selected for the convention. Their names will be announced within a few days.

Over 500 students are expected to participate in the convention and those who expect to compete should enter.

A free piano ensemble, a major event of the convention program will be given on Friday, March 23, at the Baptist church in Roswell. Harvey F. Taylor will be in charge of the presentation and Mrs. Nash of Roswell will present several band features at the program.

DONALD RAY KING DIES

Donald Ray King, four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. King, passed away on February 13th, at St. Mary's hospital, where he had been taken following the development of pneumonia. The funeral services were held on Thursday from the Methodist church, the Rev. J. W. Slade, the minister, in charge. Beautiful floral offerings were in mute testimony of the sympathy of friends. Burial was made in Hagerman, with Mason funeral home officiating.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HAS BIDS ON FIVE PROJECTS TO OPEN

Bids on five projects will be considered by the New Mexico Highway Commission at Santa Fe March 6th.

The projects are as follows: Landscaping of 0.878 miles of highway just south of Las Cruces. U. S. 62, double bituminous surfacing of 19.498 miles east from Carlsbad.

State road 68, grading and surfacing of 5.710 miles between Gallup and Fort Defiance.

State road 28, grading and surfacing of 5.314 miles between Las Cruces and San Miguel.

State road 18, grading and surfacing between Portales and Lovington.

FORTY-SEVEN BILLS STILL IN THE HOUSE

SANTA FE—A call of house chairman Monday revealed that there are still 37 house and senate bills, resolutions and memorials in house committee and 10 others have not been called for by chairman, making a total of 47 to be acted on—including the appropriations bill.

A conference committee was named by Speaker Alvan N. White to meet with a like senate committee to discuss legislation which is hung up in committee, such as the proposed tobacco tax, severance tax, liquor control and other measures.

OSTER SUIT FILED AGAINST SABLEMAN

Last week District Attorney George Reese filed an oyster suit against Dr. W. A. Sableman of Hobbs, former resident of Artesia and Carlsbad and member of the Hobbs city council. Reese stated in his complaint that Sableman had been guilty of gross moral turpitude and that he had committed the offense of bribery, which amounts to corruption in office and that he should be removed from office.

Recommendations Made By Chaves G. P. A. Tuesday

Chaves county sportsmen Tuesday night in a meeting at Roswell went on record as being opposed to any future killing of female deer in New Mexico, determined that the dove season should remain as it now stands, advocated the fishing for cat fish with several lines (not more than five) with an aggregate of 25 hooks, and narrowly missed placing the lowly cotton tail on the game animal list.

At least these and others were recommendations which the majority of sportsmen gathered at Roswell voted to submit to the state game and fish commission for general approval.

Among the recommendations that the Chaves County Game Protective association voted to submit to the game commission with special reference to fishing on waters of Eddy and Chaves county were:

That the season shall remain as it now stands—all the year with the exception of the 45-day period from April 5 to June 1, with the exception of fishing for cat fish in the Pecos river from the Dayton bridge north to Santa Rosa.

Reducing the legal limit on black bass from ten to nine inches, increasing crappie size from five to six inches with the daily bag limit of ten fish, increasing the legal size of trout from six to seven inches and placing a minimum of ten inches on catfish.

A move to advocate that the New Mexico regulations conform to recently promulgated federal rules that shotguns capable of holding more than three shells, lost on a close vote. Those opposed to this motion took the position that the federal authorities were in error and that the New Mexico commission should not in haste fall in line with federal administrators.

T. F. Nelson, superintendent of made a report on fish planning the federal fish hatchery at Dexter, during the past several years in Chaves and Eddy counties. This report showed that a remarkable record had been made by Mr. Nelson at the Dexter hatchery and that all public waters of Chaves and Eddy counties have been most liberally stocked.

W. A. Losey, president of the local association, outlined the activities of the Chaves County G. P. A. for the past year showing that the officers and executive committee has worked with all state and federal departments and bureaus and had left nothing undone to advance the interests of the sportsmen of Chaves county.

Reports of quail and other game bird feedings made necessary because of extreme drought conditions, were made, together with an analysis of the future situation regarding Lakes McMillan and Avalon drained last summer at which time all of the fish in the two lakes were lost.

Several sportsmen pointed out that in their opinion a census of migratory birds—especially ducks and geese—taken in this area at the close of the last shooting season was in error and that many more ducks were here than actually reported. The officers and directors were authorized to look into the situation, investigate the authority for the federal report, and if possible, to correct the same.

The association voted to establish the annual dues for the year 1935 at \$1 and to hold the annual banquet as usual. W. A. Losey, president, was empowered to name the necessary committees for the banquet and to direct all arrangements.

The election of officers was postponed until the annual meeting and banquet of the association which will be held at an early date.

The Special Election Committee Ceases Its Work Monday

SANTA FE—Hearings of the special committee of the New Mexico house of representatives named to investigate election conditions were adjourned Monday afternoon subject to future call by the committee after a brief statement by Col. J. D. Atwood, counsel for Sen. Bronson Cutting, and former Judge Reed Holloman.

Colonel Atwood said he would like to summon the chairman and treasurer of the democratic state central committee to explain the democratic financial statement and wanted particularly to go into what he said he understood was the two per cent assessment for democratic employes as a contribution toward the campaign fund.

News comes from Albuquerque that Miss Dorothy Sweatt has been a very sick girl, was in danger of pneumonia for several days, but is reported some better at present. Mr. Sweatt returned home last week but Mrs. Sweatt will remain until Dorothy is able to be removed from the hospital.

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THE LINDBERGH KIDNAPING

In reviewing the Lindbergh kidnaping, there is a little incident of interest as follows: Theodore Joslin in his "Hoover Off the Record" relates this story. Mrs. Lindbergh had asked President Hoover to make a public appeal for the return of her baby. After dinner that evening he went to his study and wrote out one in long hand, with the intention of repeating it before the mike later.

At dinner that evening word came from Col. Lindbergh that some further developments having arisen, it was probably best that the president say nothing. The appeal was never published, and until now very few have known the contents which read: "Mrs. Lindbergh has asked me to request the return of her baby boy. It is a request no man would refuse. If any one within the sound of my voice knows where that baby is, I ask that they immediately communicate with the proper authorities, and, if they do not, may God have mercy on their souls."

And thus the average American mind feels in regard to such a heinous crime. No punishment is too severe.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

We pause tomorrow to pay homage to one of the greatest characters that has ever lived. A man, so to speak, born with a silver spoon in his mouth—and could have lived a life of "flowery beds of ease" but chose instead the path that led through hardships of physical pain and mental worry. From childhood and thence into boyhood he preferred the more active and strenuous forms of pleasure, and he grew into manhood with a firmness of fairness to each human contact. He loved little children, he loved beauty, an innate passion for a meticulous personal appearance, he braved the criticisms of enemies with a keen, far-sighted judgment that was quickly discerned by all. He had a pet theory of avoiding entangling alliances which became an American principle.

And so the expression which has clung down the years was no misnomer, he was truly the "Father of Our Country," his footsteps will be echoed by the youth of the land, and a review of his qualities and experiences might help to point the way for us today.

Forest Grazing Fees Are Higher

The grazing fees charged by the Forest Service in the New Mexico-Arizona region for 1935 will be seven per cent higher than in 1934 on cattle, and 14 per cent higher on sheep, according to figures announced Saturday by Assistant Regional Forester D. A. Shoemaker.

Cattle grazing fees will be 55 per cent of the base fee set in 1931. Sheep grazing fees will be 60 per cent of the base fee set in 1931.

The base fee was set in a study made that year, Shoemaker explained, of the 10-year average of prices received at central markets for cattle and lambs from eleven western states. The average price received for cattle in 1934 was only 55 per cent of the 10-year average, and the 1935 fee was accordingly set at 55 per cent. The average price for lambs in 1934 was 60 per cent of the 10-year average.

The 1935 fees reflect the better market conditions which prevailed in the livestock industry last year, Shoemaker said.

An old negro man appeared one morning for work. His head was all bandaged and he could hardly see. The employer asked him what was the trouble.

"Nothin', Boss, not a thing. I see all right."

"But," insisted the employer, "you are all bandaged up; what kind of a fight have you been in?"

"Ain't been in no fight," said Mose. "I just talked when I ought to been list'nin'."

Maid: "Yes, ma'am, I went to the dance and became engaged to a window cleaner."

Mistress: "What is his name?"
Maid: "I don't know. One can't be in a straight off asking personal questions like that."

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, New Mexico, January 18, 1935.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lockett O. Chester, widow of George A. Chester, deceased, of Artesia, N. Mex., who, on January 13, 1930, made homestead application, No. 039480, for Lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, Lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 13 S., Range 29 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, N. Mex., on the 28th day of February, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: Lonnie J. Chester, Virgil Chester, both of Artesia, N. Mex.; Vernon Walker, Charlie Walker, both of Hagerman, N. Mex.
PAUL A. ROACH, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, General Land Office at Las Cruces, New Mexico, January 31, 1935.

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles D. Douthitt, of Box 254, Roswell, New Mexico, who, on March 12, 1929, made Homestead Entry, No. 038512, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3; SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 9; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, Township 12 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, at Roswell, New Mexico, on the 14th day of March, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: Lawrence M. Roberts, Lester Sims, Julius H. Ward, Cecil E. Roberts, all of Roswell, New Mexico.
PAUL A. ROACH, Register.

NOTICE

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Number of application RA-1232. Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 6, 1935.

Notice is hereby given on the 31st day of January, 1935, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, W. C. West, of Dexter, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate the underground waters of the Roswell Artesian Basin to the extent of 480 acre feet of water by drilling a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter shallow well to the approximate depth of 150 feet located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 19, Township 14 South, Range 26 East, N. M. P. M., for the purpose of irrigating 160 acres of land described as being the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of above mentioned Section 19.

Any person, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source may file a complete sworn statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and file proof of service of a copy thereof upon the applicant with the State Engineer on or before the 18th day of March, 1935, the date set for the State Engineer to take this application up for final consideration unless protested.

THOMAS M. McCLURE, State Engineer.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, General Land Office at Las Cruces, New Mexico, February 5, 1935.

NOTICE is hereby given that Robert W. Duncan, of Tatum, New Mex., who, on December 11, 1929, made homestead entry, No. 040294, for All Section 17, Township 15 S., Range 29 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. J. Fox, Notary Public, at Tatum, N. Mex., on the 21st day of March, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ben Smith, R. G. Shipp, Walter T. Duncan, Emmett A. Duncan, all of Tatum, N. Mex.
PAUL A. ROACH, Register.

NOTICE

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Number of application RA-1206. Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 18, 1935.

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December, 1934, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, Mrs. Marie O'Dell of Hagerman, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate the underground waters of the Roswell Artesian Basin to the extent of 3.34 cubic feet per second by drilling a 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter shallow well to the approximate depth of 200 feet located in the NW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 26 East, for the purpose of irrigating 640 acres of land being the above mentioned Section 16.

Any person, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application will be

Man Returns Plane Stolen About 1928

Returns Carpenter's Tool After Experiencing A Change of Heart.

An incident you may have heard about, but seldom witnessed, occurred here last week. A carpenter's plane, stolen from the Sanitary Barber Shop, was returned last week to John Shearman. A man who gave his name as Barney Watson at Colorado, Texas, returned the plane by parcel post, together with a letter of apology and explanation to Mr. Shearman. Watson said he took the plane from the bath room in 1928 or 1929 about the time the Artesia hotel building was started. To quote part of the letter the writer said, "Now Mr. Shearman, God has mercifully saved my soul. I want to make restitution. Am returning the plane in package addressed to you. Only wish I could send something for having kept it so long. I am so sorry for this, but you know old sin will make you do most anything and I am praying that you can and will forgive me. I was lucky to get your address. I remember seeing it at your chair, but could not remember it."

The plane, property of J. L. Truett, is now in the hands of its owner. The return of the instrument exonerates Claud Reno, who had previously borrowed it, and returned it, but could establish no proof of this fact.

Aside from the practical demonstration of what christianity can do for you, there is another moral to this story and that is, "It Pays To Advertise!" The writer of the letter admitted he knew no one in the shop and if he had not been able to remember the name on the plate above Mr. Shearman's chair, he never would have been able to return the plane.

—Artesia Advocate

Study Being Provided for Conservation Army

Washington.—Men enrolled in the civilian conservation corps camps located in the national parks have been given exceptional opportunities for study and recreation during their leisure hours. Secretary of the Interior Ickes declares.

Facilities of the national park service educational branch have been placed at the disposal of the emergency conservation workers. In addition to the regularly scheduled program of educational activities for park visitors, lectures and field trips especially planned to meet their needs are being arranged by the naturalist staff.

Highly trained range-naturalists are employed by the government to assist visitors in learning about wild life, geological formations and kindred subjects. Many of the parks have fine museums equipped with libraries and reading rooms.

The emergency workers are "alert to their unusual advantages," and many special field trips and lectures have been arranged at their request, Ickes said, adding: "They are keenly interested in forestry, soil erosion, fire prevention, insect control methods and other subjects encountered in their daily work, and every opportunity will be provided for them to increase their knowledge of these subjects."

We have not heard of any local applicants to the Canadian prize of \$500,000, provided for in a will of a wealthy Canadian to the woman who has the most babies in ten years. Maybe the women in Canada who have already had ten have backed off the prospective entries.

Marriage is changing from a contract to a ninety day option.

truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source may file a complete sworn statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and file proof of service of a copy thereof upon the applicant with the State Engineer on or before the 30th day of March, 1935, the date set for the State Engineer to take this application up for final consideration unless protested.

THOMAS M. McCLURE, State Engineer.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, New Mexico, Feb. 13, 1935.

NOTICE is hereby given that Orinda G. Madison, of Dexter, N. M., who, on July 7th, 1931, made Homestead, No. 043382, for NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23; E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, Township 12-S., Range 26-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 5 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, Commissioner, at Roswell, N. M., on the 28th day of March, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Rogers, Louie Heick, Adra Hudson, Loftis Miles, all of Dexter, N. M.
PAUL A. ROACH, Register.

Origin of Domestic Dog Mystery, Authority Says

Cloaked in mystery is origin of the domestic dog. Those who question the genesis at all are likely to accept the belief that the wolf was the common ancestor of all breeds, but there is much evidence to support the theory, asserts P. F. Rickerts in the Detroit News.

Dogs may be divided into two types—the wolf (lupine) group, which has erect ears and hunts by sight, and the hound (saluki) group, which has drop ears and follows its prey by scent. It is hard to believe that this latter group descended from a wolf, because its type, temperament and general conformation forbid it.

Also, there is earlier evidence of the existence of the hound (saluki) type, than of the wolf (lupine) group. Cuneiform inscriptions and bas-reliefs of remote years show salukis strikingly like the modern Whippet. In these same portrayals, a strong dog, similar to the British Mastiff, is shown. This brings up the question of a third type.

It becomes necessary, then, to search for a more remote ancestor than either the wolf or saluki. Far back in prehistoric times a dog must have existed which was the root of the whole "genus canis," although no direct evidence has been found to bear out the theory. Until such time as naturalists discover the connecting link between the lupine and saluki types, we must be content to let our fancies play with the possibility of a common ancestor for all domestic dogs.

Early Prisoners of War

Tell Thrilling Stories

Some of the most interesting characters, in history as well as in fiction, are those who have been prisoners of war. During the struggle between the French and the English for supremacy in America, notes a writer in the Montreal Herald, both sides retained captives whose stories, when hostilities came to an end, shed light on an eventful period.

In Quebec, Peter Schuyler was probably the most famous prisoner. He was in command of a New Jersey regiment when the French captured Oswego, and, while nominally in captivity, he had practically as much freedom as any French-Canadian. He kept his own establishment, and it was "open house" for the relief of his own countrymen. He gave large sums of money to the Indians for the redemption of captives, and he not only kept them until they were freed, but provided them with transportation back to their homes.

U. S. Millionaires

No list of millionaires ever has been compiled. A historical view reveals outstanding rich men but no accurate detail. Millionaires in 1790 included George Washington, the Livingstons of New York, Robert Morris and probably the Carrolls of Carrollton. It should be understood that the wealth was mainly in land. Robert Morris, for example, was the greatest private landholder in the history of the country, holding several million acres. Later rich men were Stephen Girard, Nicholas Biddle, the Vanderbilts, the Astors, In the Civil war period Jay Cook was among the richest and James Flak, Jay Gould, Collis P. Huntington and so on down. The numbers simply cannot be stated. The graph would show a long time, sloping gradually up to the Civil war, then turning sharply upward for a short distance, then another flattening and another long, slow rise, then an incline to the World war, then a sharp upturn to 1930 and then an abrupt decline.

The Greenback Party

This was a nickname given the American Independent National party because it advocated increased use of greenbacks, restriction of bank issues, and payment in greenbacks of all government bonds except those otherwise specified. Its first national convention was held in 1874 and by fusing with some labor groups it polled over a million votes as the Greenback Labor party and elected 14 congressmen. Soon afterwards its support dwindled and most of its adherents went to the Populist party organized in 1891.

The candidate for a chauffeur's job was being examined by the car owner.

He got along all right until the question was asked whether he had traveled much in other states.

The applicant had.
"All right; let's see you fold this road map."

On the visit of the minister, the head of the house told Bobby to fetch the Bible—that big book—so they could have a Scripture reading. Bobby triumphantly returned with a copy of the latest mail order catalog. A dead give away, in more ways than one.

A westerner divorcing his wife charged her with kissing him only when she wanted money. What an affectionate woman!

The chill wind blows on filmy hose and unprotected necks; Yet ladies fair who brave the air Are called the weaker sex.

Wedding announcements, printed or engraved.—The Messenger.

LOCALS

Ed Blackwelder is sporting a new truck this week.

Mrs. Irma Crippen visited in Hagerman last week on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Knoll are moving into apartments at Mother Devenport's.

Mesdames Ernest Bowen and Cliff Hearn were Roswell visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Askins left last Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Glen Williams, in Clovis.

Steve Mason of E. N. M. J. C., arrived home last Friday morning to recuperate from an attack of flu.

Tuesday was Miss Sammy McKinstry's birthday, and the family celebrated the event by attending the show in Roswell.

Frank Wimberly of Las Cruces made a brief visit with his parents on Tuesday night, leaving early Wednesday morning.

Oscar Kiper, who recently moved back to town, has re-roofed his house with shingles which makes a very attractive improvement.

C. W. Curry, who is administrator of the estate of the late N. C. Smith, is having a sale of the household goods and other articles on Friday.

Mrs. R. Jennings received the sad news early this week of the death of her niece, who lived in Albuquerque. Death was caused from spinal meningitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus went to Lovington last Saturday night after store closing hour and visited Sunday with Mrs. O. J. Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy and little Miss Frances Louise left last Sunday for Lordsburg on a combined business and pleasure trip. They expect to return this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman of the plains were in town Monday visiting and attending to business. Mrs. Zimmerman is recuperating from an illness of several weeks' duration.

Charlie Kiper went to Carlsbad last week and brought Fieldon Kiper home. Fieldon had been in Carlsbad for several weeks for treatments and attended school while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harshey, Lloyd Edgar, Richard and Clarence took their lunch and hid themselves to the hills last Sunday, traveling over to the Hope country. Later in the afternoon they visited in Artesia with the Roger Durands.

Tuesday visitors and shoppers in Roswell were: Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Evans, Guy Robinson, Paul Aubrey, Ed Blackwelder, Jim King, Tom Woods, Sam McKinstry, Col. Tom McKinstry and James McKinstry, Louie Heick and the Rev. J. W. Slade.

Wiley Grizzle, who lives west of Hagerman, has just purchased 80 head of calves, to be pastured and fed. Mr. Grizzle has one of the best little farms in this section and he has proven what can be done with work and good management. Last fall he improved the house and made a very attractive home.

From San Diego, California, comes news of the death of Mrs. Iona Simpson Birdwell. Mrs. Birdwell will be remembered as Iona Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, who lived northwest of Hagerman several years ago. From here they moved to San Diego. Mrs. Birdwell had suffered from a malignant cancer for several months preceding her death.

W. C. West, who has bought a farm southwest of Hagerman, has just completed a well, drilled by Roy McDonald, who also tested the well, showing that it will produce about 2,000 gallons. Mr. West will have a good farm for land in that section has proved to be very fertile and a good well is one of the necessary requirements.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blythe of Booneville, Mississippi, had the misfortune not long ago to lose their home by fire. Most of the contents of the first floor were saved, though damaged but nothing on the second story was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Blythe lived in this community for several years, on the place now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinstry.

Quite an interesting feature of the new oil well about to be brought in near Hobbs is that it is just 140 feet over the fence of the ranch belonging to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Weir, parents of Mrs. Dub Andrus. Mrs. Andrus tells of the excited interest shown over there. Mr. and Mrs. Weir live only about two miles from Monument and about eight miles from Hobbs.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade paneled or plain stock.—The Messenger.

An Oil Compact Is Formed At Dallas

Oil state governors and their representatives approved a production compact at Dallas, Texas, Saturday, avowedly limited to prevention of physical waste but by implication permitting individual states to go further and limit production on a market demand basis.

The agreement was a compromise between the stands of James V. Allred, governor of Texas, the biggest oil-producing state, and Governor E. W. Marland of Oklahoma.

Special provision for "stripper" wells was made in a compromise paragraph suggested by Warwick Downing, Colorado delegate, reading as follows:

"The commission (to be set up to administer the pact) shall have the power to recommend the coordination of the exercise of the police power of the several states within their several jurisdictions to promote the maximum ultimate recovery from the petroleum reserves to the said states, and to recommend measures for the maximum ultimate recovery of oil and gas."

The agreement provided that it should become effective within any signatory state at any time as prescribed by that state, after ratification by the legislatures of any three of the states of Texas, Oklahoma, California, Kansas and New Mexico, and after congress had given consent.

It specifically provided that its purpose should be "to conserve oil and gas by the prevention of physical waste thereof from any cause."

Signatory states agreed to enact laws providing that oil produced in violation of conservation statutes should be denied access to commerce, and to assess stringent penalties for waste of oil or gas.

It was provided that each state should appoint one representative on a governing body to be known as the interstate oil compact commission whose duties will be "to make inquiry and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing about conservation and the prevention of physical waste of oil and gas, and at such intervals as said commission deems beneficial it shall report its findings and recommendations to the several states for adoption of rejection."

Here's an unusual story. The story was given us by J. W. Kennedy of the Oil Field with the tacit understanding that we would not elaborate on it too much. Mr. Kennedy, a former resident of St. Joe, Arkansas, says a cyclone occurred in that region one time and in addition to the property destruction and death, the wind blew one man up as tight as a drum until he was about twice the size of a normal man. It just looked like the man might burst every minute, but after four or five days, the man's body went back to normal size. The doctor explained that air had gotten under the pores of the skin in some manner and it took several days for the air to leak out. Now if you want proof of this story, Mr. Kennedy is willing to furnish it, if given a little time, but if you know anything about a cyclone, you know how freakish it is.

Back in the tornado and cyclone district the first thing they build is a cellar, even before starting a home. When you grab for your hat this spring with your eyes and mouth full of dirt, you might think on this. We prefer to be blown away a little at a time rather than all at once.

THE CHURCH

Changes in time of services, subjects, etc., in The Messenger office by Tuesday of each week. Past members of congregations church announcements do not appear in this column are sent them in. Churches in and Lake Arthur are expected.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Greenfield)

Morning worship, Sunday 8 o'clock.
Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock.
Everybody is cordially invited to attend any and all of the usual services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

F. H. Evans, superintendent. Sunday school, 10 o'clock. We especially want the people to attend our school and extend an invitation to all to come.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Mid-week services on Tuesday and Saturday nights. Everyone welcome.
DAVID L. LAUGER

BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning sermon 11:00 a. m. Evening sermon 7:15 p. m. (Each second and fourth days).

I will preach at Dexter 5 p. m. on each 2nd and 4th days.
W. C. GARRETT, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENS

Rev. E. L. Askins, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon, 11 o'clock. N. Y. P. S. and J. Y. P. S. are almost in last year.

Evening sermon 7:30 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday night.

Mid-week prayer meeting church Thursday night at a spiritual church in a community.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church school 9:45 a. m. Sermon by pastor 11 a. m. League service 6:30 p. m. Zelma Dorman, leader of peoples group.

Evening service 7:15 p. m. Special music at both morning and evening services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

James A. Hedges, pastor. Owing to repairs and remodeling which began this week, complete, the Sunday school morning services will be held in the auditorium of the public building every Sunday morning, the usual hours. The service will be held each day evening in the manse.

Announcements concerning all services will be made week to week. There will be Endeavor meeting this evening as the young people of Artesia to the quarterly endeavor Union of Pecos valley.

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By BUD FISHER



5,000 People Killed, Nearly Million Injured In Auto Accidents Last Year

The worst automobile casualty ever experienced in the United States was recorded last year (1934) when 36,000 persons were killed and nearly a million injured as a result of 882,000 personal collisions on streets and highways. Although practically two-thirds of the accidents involving drivers, pedestrians paid the highest price in the loss of life as shown by the death of nearly 16,000, or 44.5 per cent of the total fatalities. Detailed statistics giving the circumstances of the accidents as compiled by The Travelers Insurance Company in its annual report show that the country's experience was not due to an increase in the use of motor vehicles. Deaths gained 10 per cent against an increase in registrations and 6 per cent in gasoline consumption. In this condition the analysis points out that in 1931, the previous high record, deaths, registrations were 3 per cent greater and gasoline consumption nearly one per cent more than in 1934, while fatalities in 1934 were almost 8 per cent less than in 1931. Too much speed for time and space is cited as the dominant factor in the greater seriousness of automobile accidents last year. An example of the extreme hazard produced by driving too fast, the rate of death per accident was 40 per cent worse last year than the average of all accidents involving driving errors. Available records for the year show that 3.16 per cent of the persons in accidents were declared to have been under the influence of intoxicants as against 2.43 per cent in 1933, an increase of one-third. The available records also show that 4.47 per cent of the pedestrians in accidents were declared to have been under the influence of intoxicants as against 49.5 per cent in 1933, an increase of 49.5 per cent. Five out of every eight pedestrians killed, according to the statistics, were involved in accidents crossing streets in the middle of the block, crossing intersections against signals or diagonally, darting into streets from behind parked cars, or while walking along rural highways. The rate of death per pedestrian accident was 10 per cent worse crossing in the middle of the block than at intersections. The rate of death crossing against signals was 74 per cent worse than crossing with signals. Nearly 1,500 children under the age of four were killed and 39,000 were injured in automobile accidents during the year, while 3,800 between the ages of five and seven met death and 143,000 were injured.

The Junior Cage Drawings Made

The Pecos Valley Junior basketball tournament, under the direction of Major L. B. Plummer, to be held at the New Mexico Military Institute court at Roswell, will get underway at 8 a. m. Saturday and continue through the day until 8 p. m. Drawings for games were held at Roswell Tuesday night, with J. D. Shinkle of the Roswell high school doing the drawing which will split the twelve junior teams in competitive pairs. There were four byes and the winner must annex four games to get the cup. There will be no consolation game as the final comes before the Institute-Wayland contest Saturday night. Following are the games in order, preceded by the byes: Carlsbad, Lovington, Institute and Hondo drew byes: (1) Hope vs. Roswell, 8 a. m. (2) Dexter vs. Tatum, 8 a. m. (3) Hagerman vs. Lake Arthur, 9 a. m. (4) Hobbs vs. Artesia, 9 a. m. Second: (5) Carlsbad vs. Lovington, 10 a. m. (6) Institute vs. Hondo, 10 a. m. (7) Winner 1 vs. 2, 11 a. m. (8) Winner 3 vs. 4, 12 noon. Semi-finals: Winner of game five versus winner of seven at 2:30 p. m., and winner of game eight versus winner of game six at 3:30 p. m. Finals will be played starting at seven between winners of the two semi-final contests.

Roswell Oil Man Is Killed Instantly Saturday Morning

I. D. Stewart, Roswell resident, about 45 years old, was instantly killed about 4:00 o'clock Saturday morning one mile south of Hagerman when his car failed to make a turn in the highway. Stewart, an oil man, was returning to his home at Roswell from Abilene, Texas, when the accident occurred. He was alone. Evidences of the wreck led officers to believe that Stewart had been going at a high rate of speed and had either gone to sleep or had failed to see the turn. The brakes had not been applied and there had been no attempt to turn the car, officers who examined tracks made by the car, said. The car leaped a roadside ditch, struck a dead tree stump about 10 feet high and larger than a man's body. The force of the impact tore the tree out by the roots and hurled it several feet. One sizeable limb from the stump was hurled 100 yards away. The car turned over several times and came to rest 60 yards from where it left the highway. The car, a Buick 1935 sedan, which was purchased two weeks ago, was demolished. Death had resulted from a terrific blow on the head. A coroner's jury found that death had resulted accidentally. Stewart had owned a confectionery in Roswell in addition to his oil interests, but sold the confectionery a few days ago. Stewart called Mrs. Stewart at 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon from Abilene, telling her he was starting home and would drive all night until he reached Roswell. T. A. McKenzie, a farmer living near the scene of the accident, heard the crash about 4 o'clock Saturday morning. He went into the yard but could see nothing. At 6 o'clock he discovered the wrecked car with Stewart's body in the back seat of the car where it had been hurled from the driver's seat.

Woodpecker Easy to Recognize

The woodpecker is the easiest of all birds to recognize. Its habits are peculiar and distinctive. He clings to the side of a tree or pole as if through a crack. True other birds—chickadees, streaked titmice, nuthatches, and brown creepers, to name a few—climb up and down tree-trunks, but these do it with a pleasing grace wholly unlike the woodpecker's clumsy and awkward movements. And, as most of them are much smaller than the woodpecker, there is little danger of making mistakes in recognition. The nuthatches are possibly the only birds likely to be confused with him; but their peculiar habit of traveling down a tree-trunk head foremost distinguishes them from the woodpecker, who always backs up when moving downward—Our Dumb Animals.

Lake Arthur Items

Miss Ella Ohlenbusch, Reporter Mrs. F. M. Nihart has been ill for the past two weeks with the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Nail and Mrs. Calvin Graham spent last Sunday visiting with Mrs. J. B. Crook. The three-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Will Olive is very ill. Its condition is not reported greatly improved to date. The baby clinic will meet at the school house on Wednesday afternoon on March 6th, under the direction of Mrs. Esther Schaub. A. G. Lane, who has been in the St. Francis hospital in Carlsbad for the past month, was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. V. Moore, near Artesia on last Sunday afternoon. On last Friday evening Mrs. Moss Spence entertained with a birthday party for her daughter, Mary Helen. After an afternoon spent in playing games, refreshment of birthday cake, jello and whipped cream and cocoa were served to the ten guests. Mrs. Moss Spence and Miss Margaret Lane will present their pupils in a musical playlet, "The Indian Princess" on Thursday evening, February 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. This will be complimentary to the patrons of the school, with no charges for admittance. On last Saturday evening the Eastern Star had initiation services in the Masonic hall. Mrs. Ada Foster, the worthy matron, had charge of the meeting and Ben Scott was the candidate for initiation. After the ceremonies lovely refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to about twenty-five members that were present. On last Sunday evening a number of Lake Arthur leaguers attended the meeting of the league at Hope. Three members from here assisted in the orchestra there: Miss Emmarie Perce, June Moots and Almonzo Latta. Those who enjoyed this trip were: Alonzo and Junior Latta, June Moots, George Nihart, Ferron Cummins, Ben Scott, Florence Evans, Ruth Walden, Essie Williams and Miss Perce. Woodstock Typewriters for sale at The Messenger.

Dexter Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed announce the arrival of a little son, whom they have named John, Jr. Mrs. L. Parker, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is much improved and able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Durand returned home Monday from El Paso where they spent the weekend looking after business. Mrs. H. C. Garrison, Mrs. Theo Garrison and Mrs. Roy Prior returned Sunday from Bloominggrove, Texas, where they had been visiting relatives for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Oliver of Albuquerque were dinner guests of Mrs. Belle Hurst Monday evening, followed by a line party at the Captain to see "Girl of the Limberlost."

Earth Faster Than Plane

Compared with the earth, the fastest airplane travels at only a small pace, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. An astronomer at the Carnegie Institution's Mount Wilson observatory, says he has found the earth is whirling about the center of the galaxy, its star system, at a rate of 9,000 miles a minute. It also is revolving about the sun at 1,100 miles a minute, besides turning about on its axis once a day. The astronomer has also obtained evidence that the galaxy is like the far-away spiral nebulae, other star systems, photographs of which reveal them to resemble great, spinning pinwheels. They are unlike pinwheels, however, in that the stars near the center are turning about at greater speed than those at the outer edges. The Battle of Navarino Greek independence and the decadence of the Turkish empire can almost be dated from the battle of Navarino in 1827. Here a combined fleet of British, French and Russian warships defeated the Egyptian and Turkish navies. Prior to this time Admiral Coddington of Great Britain assisted by Rear Admirals De Rigny and Helen of France and Russia attempted to enforce an armistice between Greece and Turkey, but failed through the refusal of the Turks to agree. Then a small boat of H. M. S. Dartmouth was fired on by the Turks. Action at once became general and three-fourths of the enemy vessels were sunk or disabled by Coddington's ships. Bobby: "Mother, did I come from heaven?" Mother: "Yes, dearie." Bobby: "Wasn't it a tough break for me to have to come here?" Freeman: "Hi, there, you; didn't you tell me you never got tired?" Sam: "Dat's right, boss; ah allus stops an' rests befo' ah gets tired."

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SUMMARY OF BILLS INTRODUCED IN NEW MEXICO'S LEGISLATURE

SENATE Bills Passed HB125—Relative to gasoline tax refunds. 24 to 0. HB66—Licensing coin vending machines. 17 to 6. HB94—Relative to original jurisdiction of probate courts. 22 to 2. HB92—Relative to removal of guardianship cases from probate to district court. 22 to 0. HB17—Relative to distribution of motor vehicle fees, as amended. 23 to 0. HB119—Prohibiting cancelling of grazing leases on state lands without cause. 21 to 0. HB55—Providing for levy for maintenance and construction in conservancy districts. 21 to 0. SB83—Authorizing county commissioners to make levy for health work. 21 to 0. HJR27—Providing for legislative committee to make investigation of radio station KOB. 19 to 4. HB190—Dispensing with necessity of notice to state tax commission for cities and counties in issuance of revenue bonds not to be paid for from ad valorem taxes. 14 to 8. HB192—Creating rural electrification authority. 16 to 8. HB191—Validating bonds issued heretofore for PWA projects. 14 to 10. SB128—Providing for construction of any revenue-producing projects by cities. 16 to 8. Senate substitute for HB52—Relative to disqualification of justices of the peace in civil cases. 21 to 0. HB151—Providing for one additional employe in New Mexico magazine office, as amended. 15 to 9. Bills Introduced (By Unanimous Consent) SB134—Wilson, by request of governor. Reducing quantity of tax-exempt gasoline tourist or traveler is allowed to bring into state to not exceed 20 gallons. Steering. Signed by Governor Senate substitute for SB16—Providing that new county treasurers may sign tax sale certificates. HOUSE (Afternoon) Passed by House SB126—Requiring county commissioners spend election fund for elections only. 44 to 0. Committee substitute for HB211—Election code, as amended. 38 to 10. HB159—Providing claim may be filed year after death in workmen's compensation. 46 to 2. HJR10—Proposing constitutional amendment wherein jury may be waived. 47 to 0. SB58—Service on foreign corporations. 47 to 0. SB122—Licensing dog races, permitting pari-mutuel. 24 to 22. HB121—Repealing order of cars in railroad trains. 33 to 14. Committee substitute for HB187—Giving governor appointment of Las Vegas land grant trustees. 25 to 23. HB23—Appropriating \$750 for education of children of war veterans. 43 to 2. Committee substitute for HB96—Creating insurance department with head at \$3,600 a year. 33 to 13. Committee substitute for HB196—Waiving immunity of state in torts by agents. 37 to 7. HJR25—Proposing to amend constitution excepting insurance companies from corporation commission control. 38 to 5. HJR26—Proposing constitutional amendment creating insurance department. 39 to 4. SB118—Making maximum mileage payable to private car owners for state use six cents, amended by house to except school buses. 42 to 4. SJR15—Proposing constitutional amendment abolishing office of state superintendent of schools. 26 to 19. Prices of Butterfat May Remain High Butterfat prices have a good chance of remaining relatively high all next summer and the following winter, says E. E. Anderson of the New Mexico State College. This assumption is based on the extremely small amount of butter now in storage, together with the present and likely continued low production. The present low production is caused partially by a decrease in cow numbers but is mainly due to light feeding. The serious shortage and excessive prices of feed make feeding both impossible and uneconomical. It is reported that pastures in the drought states have been badly damaged and will not reach their normal carrying capacity next summer. It is evident that heavy feeding will be impossible until another crop is harvested. Since there has been a widespread tendency for the cows over the country to freshen in the spring, this means there can not be a heavy production before the spring of 1936. Even the butterfat prices are so high at present, feed prices are so much out of proportion that little profit can be realized, especially for those who have to purchase all their feed, the remainder of the winter. If at all possible, however, feeding should be kept up sufficiently heavy to maintain the milk flow and keep the cows in good flesh in order that they will be in condition to go ahead and produce when pastures and cheaper feeds are available. Unless conditions change materially in the principal foreign dairy producing countries, it is expected that butterfat prices have reached the peak for this season. At present, prices are enough lower in some of these countries to make it profitable to ship butter to the United States over our tariff wall of 14 cents. For the past two weeks a limited amount of foreign-made butter has been entering this country. Messenger Want Ads Get Results

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Is Someone Ill In Another Town? HO/E WANTS WATER WORKS It is understood plans have been made by the Hope town council to request a project for a new water works under the FERA. The project will be secondary to the proposal to construct a reservoir on Cactus Flat. TELEPHONE

Government Wins A Practical Victory In The Gold Decision

WASHINGTON—The supreme court Monday solemnly sustained the new deal invalidation of "gold clauses" in private contracts, but not so on federal bonds.

While it was held that the government must pay off its own bonds in gold or the equivalent in devalued currency, another ruling that the court of claims had no jurisdiction over such cases was interpreted to mean that it would be impossible for holders of federal bonds to collect on their old gold bonds.

This, in effect, would mean that while technically, the holder of a \$1,000 federal bond was entitled to \$1,690—practically he could make no such collection.

The court of claims is the only tribunal before which suits against the government may be taken.

Other courts may not entertain such suits without a special act of congress, lawyers said.

In declaring congress could not abrogate the gold clause in its own bonds, the court added that those who had brought the suit had shown no right of action.

In the opinion, read by Chief Justice Hughes to the crowded courtroom, the power of congress to deal with currency was fully upheld.

The court decreed that those who owned gold certificates also had no cause of action and could not sue the government.

"I'm satisfied," said the new deal senate leader, Senator Robinson of Arkansas.

"In other words," said Chairman Doughton of the house ways and means committee, "what the government did might not have been absolutely legal, but it was right."

Attorney General Cummings expressed his pleasure.

While the world waited in suspense, the chief justice at noon briefly summarized the conclusions before going to the reading of the formal opinion.

Private parties, states, municipalities and their sub-divisions, he said, have no power to enter into gold clause contracts, provided they interfere with the power of congress to regulate the currency and the congressional policy.

WASHINGTON—Dividing five to four, the supreme court Monday in effect swept away any government or private obligation to pay gold bonds in gold.

Chief Justice Hughes, delivering the majority opinion in a courtroom tense with the realization of an historic moment, said congress must be free to deal as it saw fit with matters which would affect the currency, and the court must take accounts of current economic conditions even in ruling on contracts.

Dissenting—with three of his colleagues—Justice McReynolds said:

"The constitution is gone."

The supreme court lines up as follows:

Majority: Hughes, Stone, Roberts, Brandies and Cardozo.

Minority: McReynolds, Van Devanter, Sutherland and Butler.

While invalidating the law saying government obligations need not be paid in gold, the court simultaneously denied holders of federal bonds the right to sue for redress in the court of claims.

This right also was denied holders of the old gold certificates, who had sought to get \$1.69 for each dollar in their certificates.

The government won all along the line with regard to private bonds and state and municipal

contracts.

In each case, by five to four all around, the court upheld the right of congress to regulate the currency. While President Roosevelt withheld comment, elation was evident among his advisors both in congress and downtown.

"We are not concerned with consequences," said the court, "in the sense that consequences, however serious, may excuse an invasion of constitutional right."

School Notes

Home Economics News

The first year home economics girls have really been practicing economy as their present sewing unit.

The girls decided they would see what could be done in the way of making skirts out of "gunny sacks." So they secured the sacks, laundered them and then dyed them such colors as dark brown, blue, black and green. Then they made skirts and jackets out of them, using wool thread as decoration. Believe it or not they made real attractive skirts.

Miss Doris Covert, representing the Kelvinator Company, was with the girls on Wednesday of last week and made very interesting talks to all the classes on rules for making desserts, giving some excellent and worth-while hints on food preservation, storage, etc. The girls are all taking an active interest in these subjects.

Basketball News

Hagerman high school boys will wind up their basketball season with the district tournament next Friday and Saturday at Roswell. Before that takes place, however, they must play two more games—Hope here Friday night and the Institute Colts at Roswell next Tuesday afternoon. The Hope game will be the final home game of the season and it is hoped that a good crowd of fans will turn out for it. Hope has a strong team but the locals hope to take their measure.

The Juniors will close their season at Roswell Saturday when they play in the junior tournament. The tournament drawings were made last Wednesday and Hagerman's first game will be with Lake Arthur. This game will be played at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and a good game is likely as the teams appear about evenly matched.

From the standpoint of games won the past season has been a failure but the boys have kept trying and the school is satisfied. Both the coach and boys wish to thank the fans of Hagerman for their loyal support during the season just past.

SUICIDE RECORDS HIS DEATH IN NOTE BOOK

PITTSBURGH—In the little note book in which he recorded his prosaic daily doings, 46-year-old Donald D. McFarland wrote the story of his death.

As the motor of his automobile purred on in a tightly locked garage, he made his last notation:

"I'm so drowsy. It is 1:15 now—it won't be long."

John Fletcher, a friend, found him dead an hour later. From the notebook Fletcher learned McFarland bought gasoline and drove into the garage to end his life.

"I'm getting drunk so I won't feel the end," the little bood read. "Tell all the world I'm sorry but I can't face it."

"I only hope the gas holds out. I put seven in this morning—that ought to do the trick."

On another page was scratched: "I'm getting weaker, little by little."

Then in the last feeble scrawl—"I'm so drowsy."

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Social Calendar

The W. M. S. of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Wm. Goodwin on Wednesday afternoon, February 27th. This will be the Royal Service lesson.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Robt. Conner on Wednesday afternoon, February 27th.

The Hagerman Thursday Study club will meet February 28th with Mrs. Sam McKinstry. Mrs. E. A. Paddock will be leader and the lesson will be on Spain.

Boy Scouts will meet on Thursday evening at the rooms at 7:30.

Every young person between 21 and 30 is invited to a meeting of the Townsend club next Monday evening at the school auditorium. There will be a special program and social hour.

The Methodist Missionary Society meeting was postponed on account of the funeral of Mr. Bitney. They will meet on Wednesday, February 27th, with Mrs. Roy VanArsdol.

THURSDAY STUDY CLUB HAS VALENTINE MEETING

A very cleverly appointed meeting of the Hagerman Thursday club was held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Losey last Thursday afternoon. To greet the guests as they entered was a porch box of brilliant tulips, tulip bulbs originally came from Holland. The entire afternoon followed the Valentine and Holland spirit. The secretary, Mrs. Heitman, read a short article on health problems, as sent out by Dr. Earp. The lesson given by Mrs. J. Tolly West was on "Holland," and she related of their customs and pleasures, some of which were very entertaining and amusing. An added feature was a folk dance given by a class of girls under the supervision of Miss Jessie George, the music being "The Little Old Dutch Mill." The girls were in costume and very gracefully acted the role. Following the lesson and dance, Mrs. Losey had prepared two games, unique in idea. Mrs. Harry Cowan won the first, and Mrs. Heitman won in the second game. Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, hot rolls, cake, coffee and red and white candy hearts were served to fourteen members, and Miss George as guest.

CONTRACT CLUB PARTIES

On Monday evening of last week Misses Jessie George and Gene Seeley entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hearn. The Valentine colors were carried out in decorations, bowls of red sweet peas made centerpiece for the tables. A dinner was served to Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Sweatt, Cliff Hearn, Ramon Welborne, Andrus, A. L. Nail, Mrs. W. A. Losey, the hostesses and Miss Almetta Growden, who substituted for W. A. Losey. Cliff Hearn was high score winner.

On Monday evening of this week Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Welborne were hosts to a dinner and bridge. Miss Welborne substituted for Mrs. Jack Sweatt. Dub Andrus was high score winner.

MRS. HOMER COLLUM HONOREE AT SHOWER

Complimentary to Mrs. Homer Collum, about forty of her friends gathered at the undercroft of the Methodist church last Saturday afternoon laden with lovely gifts for the bride, Mrs. T. D. Devenport led a grand march, with Mrs. Frederick Heitman at the piano, and each guest presented Mrs. Collum with a gift. Several amusing games were played, and cookies and coffee were served to the large guest list present.

ADDRESSES TOWNSEND CLUB

Last Monday evening the Townsend club heard an address by C. G. Howe on the spread of the movement in the middle west.

Mr. Howe has just returned from a trip through those states and found the people enthusiastic over the Townsend plan. He summarized their views, showing how they coincided with the ideas advanced in the O. A. R. P. publications.

"Nothing has ever so completely swept that part of the country," Mr. Howe stated.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the sympathy and assistance extended to us during the recent loss of our father, and especially to those who carried on in the absence of any member of the family.

8-1tp Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bitney.

Penguins Most Comical; Stand Erect Like a Man

There is a bird so helpless and defenseless against human attack that it has stirred the pity of civilized nations and become the subject of an international protective treaty, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Penguins were in danger of being wholly exterminated by man before the treaty was made. Many years ago the birds were very common, but they were slaughtered by the hundreds of thousands because men coveted the valuable oil in their bodies.

The birds collect in droves on Antarctic islands during the mating season. They stand straight up and waddle awkwardly on their two short legs, like old frock-coated gentlemen. Their stiff wings, jointed only where they are attached to the body, are quite useless for flying. To kill them a man has only to swing a club, and until the international agreement was made, the birds were in danger of being wiped out.

Ordinarily penguins do not come ashore. It is only during the mating season, when they must build simple nests of grass under some protecting ledge of rock or in a hollow in the ground, that they risk trips away from the sea for brief island visits.

At sea they have no need of wings, for they are superb divers and swimmers and they live solely on a diet of fish, sea creatures and sea plants. Icy water has no terror for them because their scaly feathers are an armor-like protection against it.

The penguin has won a wider reputation for being comical in appearance than for any other quality. Its legs, located far back on its body, permitting it to stand erect in quite human fashion, its white breast resembling a shirt front, its black back feathers looking like a dark coat, its doddering walk and its upturned bill face, combine to give it a half-human look.

Inuits Believed They Were Lords of Creation

It seems that when we call the aborigines of the Arctic regions "Eskimos" we are using a nickname which was given to them long ago by Algonquin tribes of Canada with whom they occasionally traded. It means, "those who eat raw fish," and is as much an exotic in their speech as "Gringos" is in ours.

Among themselves they are the Inuits and King George in a message of good-will to the Eskimos in northern British possessions greeted them as "our loyal Inuit subjects."

The word "Inuit" means "the men," "the people," or, as one humorous translator put it, "God's frozen people." Isolated for untold ages from all contact with other tribes of men, they believed themselves to be the lords of creation, the only erect and talking human beings in all the world, and they called themselves Inuits to mark their difference from the wild creatures of the land and sea upon which they subsisted.—Boston Transcript.

Husbands Outlive Bachelors

Figures show the death rate of husbands is much lower than that of bachelors, thus supporting the old contention that married life, especially for men, is conducive to health and longevity. Vital statistics compiled by the census bureau show that the death rate of husbands between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five is about one-half that of bachelors of the same age group. And the death rate for husbands of all ages between twenty-five and sixty-five is only two-thirds that of bachelors between those ages.—Pathfinder Magazine.

The Echometer

The echometer is an electrically operated device for sounding at sea, by means of which the nature of an ocean bed and the depth of water beneath a vessel can be determined. It was announced by the British Marconi system. The echometer is operated by push-button principle. Among the claims for it are that it will prove of great value in saving vessels from grounding and that it can be used by fishermen in trawling to determine the type of fish to be found from the depth of water.

In her new rig-out a lady passed out of the tenement. "Such luck," commented Mrs. Muffins. "I can't get a new fur coat, a fashionable hat—"

"Now, now," broke in Mrs. Joysby, "don't talk like that. You never know what you can do till you cry."

The mistress of the house heard the bell ring and saw standing at the open front door a Chinese hawk. Quickly retreating, she called out to the maid:

"There's a Chinaman at the door. You go, Ella."

This was too much for the Chinese, who stuck his head well into the hall and shouted indignantly: "You go 'ella yourself!"

Teacher: "Johnny, why does Missouri stand at the head in mule raising in the United States?"

Johnny: "Because the other end is dangerous."

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MARKETS

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March Option	Open	Close
February 14	12.36	12.35
February 15	12.37	12.40
February 16	12.40	12.41
February 18	12.39	12.59
February 19	12.52	12.44
February 20	12.42	

Speculative gains of about \$1.50 the bale were recorded during the week as the immediate result of the favorable settlement of the gold cases for the government, about half of which were lost the following day, and most all the gain was lost later.

This only serves to emphasize the fact that in the final analysis cotton must be used. Demand must increase before any upward swing of importance can be registered. However, there is a little better inquiry for cotton both at home and abroad now—the latest news today (February 20th) states that several of the largest orders for cotton for the entire season have been placed with domestic cotton merchants, prices to be fixed at buyers' call which means that as they fix prices a future sale must be covered or bought in.

Dry weather conditions in the western belt are also beginning to receive attention as it is not possible for west Texas and Oklahoma to make a cotton crop with no sub-soil moisture.

We have a feeling that a squeeze in spot cotton may result before the new crop comes on as a result of the very large government holdings, yet as the prices advance some farmers will sell, and thus the situation may not prove detrimental. Unquestionably the 1934 loan is supporting the market now; it remains to be seen how long artificial methods can hold a commodity out of line with its real value. If the government should offer to loan \$5,000,000 on every house in Artesia there would be but few houses upon which the money would not be accepted, particularly so if, like the cotton loans, there would be no liability other than the house itself; yet such an absurd proposal would not increase the actual value of houses in Artesia at all.

General Business Shows 25 Percent Gain Over Low '32

WASHINGTON—A current and continuing improvement in business which already had lifted 1934 industrial production 25 per cent higher than the low year of 1932 was reported Saturday by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"The increase in production has been accompanied by a corresponding improvement in employment," the chamber said in its weekly review.

"Our manufacturing industries alone in December, 1934, gave employment to 1,300,000 more wage earners than in December, 1932. The manufacturing payrolls for last December were at least \$190,000,000 more than for the same month two years before.

"All the statistics yet available indicate that instead of showing a moderate seasonal recession which is normal, employment in manufacturing was maintained in January at the December level, and perhaps rose higher.

"Among the statistics appears remarkable use of electric power, which in January this year exceeded use in January, 1929. At the end of January of coal was moving by railroad in greater volume than at this time of year since 1931.

"So far as checks drawn on bank deposits supply an index of general business activity, they were 15 per cent over the total for January, 1934.

"In a period of recovery unevenness is usually a sign of progress. This may be cold comfort for those industries which do not at once share the general improvement.

"The face of the statistical record which we now have behind us for recent years, however, suggests that barring the intervention of disturbing artificial and arbitrary influences, there is ahead more improvement in the durable goods fields and renewed advance in the industries that offer products for immediate consumption."

CARLSBAD CHILD'S TONGUE CUT OFF

SANTA ANA, California—The tongue of four-and-a-half-year-old Effie May Jerome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jerome of Carlsbad, was amputated Thursday at St. Joseph's hospital in an operation necessitated by the tongue's abnormal growth.

Physicians believe the tongue will grow back again and the child will have its full, normal use.

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1935 Calendar For Local Boy Scouts

Program for 1935

February—Celebration of anniversary week, courts of honor, district rallies, "Boy-Fact surveys."

March—Training courses, preparation for annual Camp-O-Ral, courts of honor, summer camp plans.

April—Washington jamboree training camp in connection with annual area Camp-O-Ral, specialization training courses, courts of honor, executive board meeting.

May—District rallies, courts of honor, community "good turn," prepare for camp.

June—Summer camp, courts of honor, vacation program.

July—Summer camp, water camp, vacation program, courts of honor.

August—National jamboree, Washington, D. C., 21st-30th, summer camp, water camp, courts of honor.

September—Training courses, expansion program—ten year program, courts of honor, community good turn, executive board meeting, "back to school" rallies, regional conference.

October—Training courses, Eastern New Mexico State Fair, parent institution good turn.

November—Annual council meeting, Thanksgiving good turns, training courses.

December—Preparation for area finance, Christmas good turns, membership emphasis, all units registered.

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General News Briefs
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By President Roosevelt. The State Roosevelt asked that the minimum be allowed to establish a minimum standard of competition in commercial activities.

Two German women live as spies on the German tank. The German government announced the chopping block for a named hour Monday for German military secrets.

Huey Long, Louisiana's was the recipient of a fashioned bomb Monday, bomb failed to explode in the senator's office in the wellington. The bomb packed federal agents and Long on a tour of investigation.

The state senate did the house resolution to the legislative session 20th, leaving the legislative constitutional deadline, since it was discovered yesterday.

NAZARENE CHURCH

The Sunday school has excellent record since the December, averaging number each Sunday. The peoples societies are well also and church services well encouraged. Good singing is a feature of each and each one present is take part.

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