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## Magnolia Well Outpost Among New Locations

### Northwest of Vacuum Area in Lea — Seven Producers Are Com- ing in Fields Near Vacuum During Week.

Seven new oil well locations were made in the Southeast new fields in the last week, including Magnolia, State 1-S, a new outpost to the northwest of the Vacuum area in Lea County, and the northwest quarter of section 34. Seven wells were completed by producers during the week.

The Magnolia wildcat, located on the northwest quarter of section 34, was completed by the Vacuum Oil Co. and is producing 10 barrels per day. Other wells completed during the week are: State 1-S, 4, SE 4-25-37; State 1-S, 2, SE 3-23-37; State 1-S, 2, NE 32-24-37; State 1-S, 2, SW 27-37; State 1-S, 2, NW 33-17-37; State 1-S, 2, SW 31-16-37; State 1-S, 2, SW 31-16-37.

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## WHAT'S WHAT —In— NEW MEXICO

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

The first mass aviation training program will get under way in the state April 24 with Albuquerque's 2,000 high school students as fledgling pupils and Transcontinental and Western Air Lines the teacher. Albuquerque school officials announced final approval of the program, which will consist of class instruction by air line personnel, and half-hour flights for all students in an air transport ship to be in charge of a special crew.

T. P. Gallagher, president of the state police board, announced the appointment of Rep. Earl Stull of Las Cruces as director of the state registration ports replacing the old abolished ports of entry. Stull assumed his new duties April 15. J. W. Rhea was originally offered the post, which he declined to become purchasing agent for the state. Al S. Roughton, former director of the ports, is to become chief of the State Drivers' License Bureau succeeding Ray Hall.

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Dr. S. W. Sibley, San Francisco, of the U. S. Public Health Service, was at Santa Fe last week conferring with Dr. Frank W. Parker, state epidemiologist, over continuation of the search for bubonic plague carriers in New Mexico. Last year rodents in northwestern Catron County were found to be carriers.

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## G. W. O'Bannon, Former Legislator, Dies at Age of 73

Services and Burial Are Here  
Sunday for Prominent  
Cottonwood Man

George W. O'Bannon, 73, a former state representative, and farmer of Cottonwood, died at 3:15 o'clock last Thursday morning at the home of a niece, Mrs. Emma Ward, at Garden City, Mo.

Death came four days after a stroke, suffered while visiting the niece at Garden City, where Mr. O'Bannon went the latter part of March. He was in poor health the last 2 or 3 years.

The body lay in state at Garden City and then was shipped to Artesia for burial, arriving here Saturday.

Funeral services were at McClay Chapel here at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. D. Jamieson, Methodist pastor of Lake Arthur. Burial was in Woodbine Cemetery.

There survive Mr. O'Bannon a brother, D. B. O'Bannon, Creighton, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Kate Elliott, Arline, Okla.; twenty-four nephews and nieces, and a large number of grandnephews and grandnieces.

Glenn and Everett O'Bannon of Cottonwood and Lloyd O'Bannon of south of Artesia are nephews.

George Washington O'Bannon, a son of Elijah and Americus Hazelwood O'Bannon, was born Feb. 14, 1866. He never married.

Prior to 1909, when he came to Eddy County, Mr. O'Bannon was county collector of Cass County, Missouri, as well as a member of the school board there.

He was a state representative from Eddy and Lea Counties from 1923 to 1925, and for many years served on the Eddy County Artesian well board. Mr. O'Bannon developed an extensive farm on Cottonwood.

At an early age Mr. O'Bannon became a member of the Methodist Church and he took an active part in church and Sunday school work until his health failed. He was a steward and trustee of his church.

### Memberships for Co-op Concerts Are Now on Sale

Plans were made Monday evening at a dinner-meeting in Roswell of the Pecos Valley Cooperative Concert Association for the 1939-40 course of concerts to be presented there.

Mrs. L. L. Spratt and Mrs. John Lanning were made captains for Artesia to handle memberships, which, it was stressed, must be purchased this week by all who wish to avail themselves of the fine concerts offered. There will be no sale of tickets for individual concerts.

Anyone in the Artesia locality wishing to purchase a membership may contact either Mrs. Spratt or Mrs. Lanning.

Tickets, which will sell for \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students, were given out to the workers at the meeting in Roswell Monday, which was attended by about seventy-five workers and music lovers. A minimum of three concerts will be arranged, and possibly more will be given, depending upon the sale of tickets this week. The same standard of excellence will be sought as has been achieved in past years.

Hugh Hooks, a representative of the company which furnishes the artists, was present and discussed the work of the association generally. He mentioned a few of the possible programs that may be arranged, provided the budget of the local association is large enough.

Mrs. Spratt has been named one of the vice presidents of the association and will be included in the committee which will meet Saturday evening in Roswell to choose the artists for the coming season. The selection committee is headed by Capt. Paul Horgan of New Mexico Military Institute, one of the noted novelists of the Southwest.

### CHAVES MAN GETS STATE JOB

Ralph A. Sheehan, former county clerk of Chaves County, has been added to the staff of the state land office and will be temporarily in charge of the grazing division, Frank Worden, state land commissioner announced last week.

Mrs. Chester Anderson of Muleshoe, Tex., and Victor Walden of Dumas, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Walden of Lake Arthur and sister, Miss Wilma Walden of Hagerman.

### Local Senior Class To Present Three-Act Comedy Thursday

One week from tonight, Thursday, April 27, the local senior class will present to the public their play, a three-act comedy, "Where's Grandma." The scenes are laid in the home of the beloved grandchildren, whom Grandma visits and whom she especially wishes to impress that she is very youthful.

In the attempt at such a camouflage is found the humor and even pathos that will create gasps of laughter.

The heroine, Grandma is played by Bernice Turk; her three grandchildren are: Gretchen Blake, Dean Condit; Coral Worley, Ruth Solomon; Jack Worley, Austin Strickland. Others are: Gretchen's husband, Bob Blake, by Junior Wade; Midnight, the colored boy, Grady Bartlett; his wife, Dahlie, Patsy Farkas; Lucy King, Ruby Rhoades; Captain Cornwallis, Reas Lathrop.

In the end, Grandma reverts to her natural self and is much happier, being beloved by all.

The play will begin promptly at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Miss Jessie George, the class sponsor is supervising the coaching.

### Soil Conservation Programs in Land Bank Farm Set-up

Will Have Demonstrations in  
Contouring and Strip  
Cropping

Demonstrations, contouring and strip cropping on selected farms as a practical means of conserving soil and moisture, are being established by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita at various points in New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. Counties selected for the project this year are in those areas where the hazard of wind and water erosion is the most serious.

The farm management section of the Federal Land Bank and the secretary-treasurers of the national farm loan associations are cooperating with the county agricultural agents and the Soil Conservation Service, in promoting the program in the counties selected.

Farms acquired by the land bank are re-sold to private owners as promptly as possible. However, during its stewardship the bank attempts, through its tenants, to establish a program of soil conservation and improvement. The land bank is also recommending to its borrowers, through the national farm loan associations, the adoption of strip cropping and contour farming as an efficient method of maintaining the fertility of the land pledged as security for the loans.

Land bank farms chosen for the demonstrations will be selected insofar as possible on improved high-ways where the strip cropping and contouring will be seen by the largest numbers. It is planned, also, to include these farms in county soil conservation tours to be conducted for interested farmers during the summer.

### Hagerman Future Farmers Go To Las Cruces For Convo

Accompanied by their instructor, Al Woodburn, the Hagerman chapter of the Future Farmers of America were represented at state convention contest by Jack Langenegger, Bobby Utterback, Joe Richardson, Bobby Cumpsten, Robert West, Johnny Boykin, Edward Jacobson, Milton Greer, Leonard Ferguson, and William Solomon.

Other than attending the convention of Future Farmers, Hagerman entered five events of the state contest. The events were: livestock judging, shop work, crop judging, poultry judging and farm economics. There were forty-five different schools represented in the contest. Hagerman was in the upper per cent of teams on contest work.

The boys report a very educational trip and wish to express their thanks to the Hagerman Men's Club for furnishing them a large percentage of the meals during their stay at State College.

### ANNUAL BANQUET OF OIL MEN TO BE MAY 3

The annual banquet meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association will be on the Roof Garden of the Artesia Hotel Wednesday evening, May 3, officers of the association have announced.

The dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock.

## Change of Venue To Lea Is Granted In Potash Trial

Case Will Come Up at Lovington  
May 25 With Special  
Venue of 70

Judge J. B. McGhee granted a change of venue Saturday of the Eddy County farmers' suit against the United States Potash Company from this county to District Court at Lovington in Lea County, and set May 25 as date of trial.

Instead of the customary panel of twenty-four veniremen, a panel of seventy prospective jurors is to be drawn.

Scene of the trial was changed to Lea County because of the difficulty encountered in Eddy County in obtaining jurors unacquainted with the cases and the parties involved.

J. N. Livingston, F. F. Beeman and Earl Donaldson, farmers operating near the Malaga bend of the Pecos River, are seeking to collect damages approximating \$250,000, alleging damage to their land and crops caused by salt in the river water.

The farmers sought to prove in the first trial at Carlsbad that pollution of the river water, which they used for irrigation, was caused by the United States Potash Company's refinery lake near the river.

Defense counsel sought to show that it was physically impossible for salt to leave the lake and travel five miles underground to the salt water springs in the river bank.

The Eddy County District Court jury held for the farmers in a verdict returned last Dec. 21, awarding Beeman \$65 an acre damages, Livingston \$75 an acre, and Donaldson \$50. Caswell Neal, attorney for the plaintiffs, estimated the awards would total \$75,000.

Defense counsel filed motion that the verdict be set aside on the grounds that it was irregular and inconsistent with the evidence, and Judge McGhee granted a new trial.

### Picket Begins a Traffic Drive in Interest of Safety

Three hundred thousand "policemen" in New Mexico is the goal which Ingram B. Pickett, recently appointed state safety director, has set for himself.

Pickett, in Hagerman recently on the last visit of a three-week tour of the state, said he is beginning a campaign in which every citizen in the state will be asked to observe and report traffic violations.

"We want the public to take an interest in safety, and to note all traffic violations which endanger the safety of others. We want to get them to report these violations," he said, "with the license numbers of the automobiles, to the state police or city police."

"What we want, in other words, is 300,000 persons in the state who are aiding in our campaign."

Increased public interest in safety is one part of a long-term long-time campaign in increase safety on New Mexico's highways, he said.

Other immediate steps in the campaign will be increased enforcement of laws against intoxicated drivers, rigid inspection of school buses, automobiles and trucks and organization of bicycle clubs in all cities of the state to teach bicycle riders to observe traffic rules.

### John Turner of Lake Arthur Passes Away

John Turner of Lake Arthur passed away at his home in Lake Arthur Sunday evening, April 16. Mr. Turner has been a resident of Lake Arthur for a number of years and was well known throughout the community. He leaves his widow, two married daughters and one son, who lives in Texas. One daughter, Mrs. Roy Carroll of Roswell and Mrs. Orien Smith of Lake Arthur. A large number of friends from Elkins, Artesia, Dexter and Hagerman attended the funeral services which were held at the home. Mason Funeral Home was in charge.

### RODGERS HEADS NEW USE TAX DIVISION

H. R. Rodgers, former state school superintendent, has been appointed general auditor of the new use tax division of the State Revenue Bureau, which replaces the port of entry system.

Rodgers, an Eddy County man, was county superintendent of schools prior to serving as state superintendent.

## WORLD NEWS —In— BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some  
Timely, Some of  
Human Interest

Sheriff Victor Meekings of Mantoo, N. C., was 40 miles out in the sand dunes when his car broke down. Not another automobile was in sight. The sheriff looked into the air. A red monoplane came zooming along. Up went the sheriff's hand, his thumb pointed in collegiate fashion. Down came the plane. The pilot took Meekings to Roanoke Island.

The convict newspaper at Folsom (Calif.) Prison has announced that a noiseless propeller invented by an inmate has attracted favorable attention from the War Department. The army has written Bob Kersten that he "apparently has a good idea," the paper reported. Kersten, a World War flyer, said he got his idea while tinkering with an electric fan.

A unique place in advertising is held by a business announcement that was published every day in the same words in the same newspaper in Brockton, Mass., from April 3, 1881, the day the company started, to Dec. 31, 1938, the day the company went out of business.

Indiana is the first state to legalize a scientific formula for determining the intoxication of automobile drivers, according to Dr. R. N. Harger, toxicologist, for the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. By terms of a bill signed by Governor Clifford M. Townsend, tests for the alcohol content in blood will be admissible as evidence in court in drunken driving cases. When the content of alcohol in the blood is anything up to 5/100 of 1 per cent, the driver is not under the influence of liquor, according to Dr. Harger. That percentage is equal to two ounces of whiskey or two bottles of beer.

A compilation of fatalities during the last deer hunting season shows that of 600,000 hunters who swarmed the woods, 134 were brought out dead. Nearly 800 were carried out wounded.

Puzzled townspeople at Monte Vista, Colo., remain skeptical as C. C. Harmon, tourist camp proprietor, continues to operate what he said was a one-yard-deep well that yielded three gallons of oil each hour. The oil, Harmon said, collects on water that rises in an excavation hole at his camp north of Monte Vista on the Gunbarrel highway. He said he skims off the oil with a bucket. Operators of filling stations and bulk fuel depots hastily checked their storage tanks when they heard of Harmon's "well," but none reported a leak. The reason for the townspeople's skepticism was that several Artesian wells sunk there showed no trace of oil. However, deep water wells in the Mosca district, 20 miles east of Monte Vista yield a natural gas which a few ranchers collect for cooking purposes.

When a woman living several blocks away telephoned Mrs. Cora Wood of Pocatello, Ida., that the Wood police dog was romping in her yard, Mrs. Wood told her to put the dog's ear to the telephone. "Ted," she commanded, "you come right home." Within two minutes, she said, Ted was back home.

Fabulous wealth was in the grasp today of H. M. Taylor, old time oil driller whose big strike at Houston, Tex., had the oil industry agog over a new sand and the possibility Naylor may emerge with \$20,000,000. The quiet, unassuming Naylor, who has known the hardships and vagaries of the oil business, goes about his business as usual, hinting that he might buy an airplane with some of his new found money. His well blossomed into one of the biggest producers of its kind on the Texas Gulf Coast, when its pressure increased and 45 barrels of 36.8 gravity crude oil emerged each hour from the 7,800-foot deep hole through a tiny one-fourth-inch opening in the pipe. Railroad commission inspectors, who represent the Texas oil regulatory body, said if the well is thrown wide open it might produce 80,000 barrels of crude oil a day, worth \$1 a barrel.

Amish farmers near Topeka, Ind., stick to their sect's ban on automobiles but are making concessions to the machine age in the matter of gadgets. A Topeka buggy manufacturer, who sells to the Amish, has started equipping his buggies with electric headlights and taillights.

## Chaves Taxpayers Are Opposed to State Bond Issue

Representatives McCarthy, Moore  
and Others Address Meeting  
in Roswell

State Representative C. N. Moore and several others spoke in opposition to the proposal to issue \$1,450,000 in institutional building bonds at a meeting of the Chaves County taxpayers last Thursday night in the district court room in Roswell.

State Representative Frank J. McCarthy stated in a speech that he thought it would be wise for the voters to give the matter very careful consideration, since some of the institutions were in need of additional funds for repairs and needed additional rooming quarters.

Mr. Moore, who is president of the county taxpayers association, stated that senate bills 212 and 213 did not call for a direct vote on the bonds, but called for a vote on Sept. 16 on a constitutional amendment authorizing the payment of the bonds out of general tax levy. He further stated if the amendment passed it would be setting a precedent for future legislatures.

Brief discussions on the subject were given by Mrs. McGaffey-Brown and Capt. B. C. Mossman. Other bills of the recent state legislature were also discussed.

A committee recently named to select someone to make a survey of county expenditures reported, through W. A. Losey, that someone would be named soon to do this work for the taxpayers association. Capt. B. C. Mossman is chairman of this committee, and other members are Cecil Bonney and Arden Boellner.

On Sept. 16, 1939, the voters of New Mexico (who will also have an opportunity at permanent registration before that date) will go to the polls to vote for or against authorizing sale of \$1,450,000 in bonds to provide for enlarging and improving facilities in the state's institutions.

Senator Thaxton set up the machinery for the special election, through two senate bills, 212 and 213, both approved and signed by Governor Miles.

### Cooperative Concert Drive in Full Swing For Memberships

Following a banquet on Monday night at the Roswell Woman's Club for captains and workers of the annual concerts given in Roswell, the drive was put on and reports are that memberships have already reached a new high mark.

Hugh Hooks of Chicago is in charge of the western division and is in Roswell this week. Mrs. L. O. Fullen is again chairman, for the fourth consecutive year. Mrs. Floyd Childress is secretary and has an efficient corps of helpers.

Workers in Hagerman who attended the banquet on Monday night were: Mrs. Ramon Welborne, Mrs. Dub Andrus and Miss Almar-etta Growden.

The following are the artists available:

Sopranos: Rose Bampton, Josephine Antoine, Lotte Lehmann, Lucy Monroe, Mafalda Favero, Charlotte Boerner.

Tenors: Nino Martini, Frederick Jagel, Ernest McChesney.

Violinists: Robert Virovay, Toscha Seidel, Joseph Knitzer, Marjorie Edwards.

Cellists: Gaspar Cassado.

Ensembles: Barrere Little Symphony, Ionian Singers.

Contraltos: Kathryn Meisle.

Baritones: Richard Bonelli, Igor Gorin, Wilbur Evans, Norman Cordon, Julius Huehn.

Pianists: Jose Iturbi, Simon Barer, Dalies Frantz, Mieczyslaw Munz, Daniel Ericourt.

Dancers: Jooss European Ballet.

Harpists: Mildred Dilling.

Monologist: Dorothy Crawford.

### Northeastern Counties To Fight Grasshoppers

Plans are about completed to fight any invasion of the grasshopper menace that are anticipated this spring in the northeastern counties of New Mexico and which will probably spread over other parts of New Mexico if not checked.

The funds are not so large as last year, but some of the equipment can be used that was purchased then. It is a fight that must not be neglected, and every farmer should do his utmost to check the first inroad of these pests.



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WHICH IS WISDOM?

Personally, I have always been an advocate of institutions of higher learning, for that is one way of putting the masses on a more or less equal basis; one way of escape from ancient "dark ages," and a way to avoid dictatorships, and to preserve democracies.

And too, I am aware of the craving desire of every heart for a nest of his or her own, a place that can be called their own. They strive and work toward that end all their lives, and anything that might hazard or thwart their purpose they will deny, and fight to the finish.

All this is preliminary to the recent proposal that New Mexico vote next September on an amendment to the constitution, authorizing that bonds be sold to improve said state institutions of higher learning, and which, if it passes, to be certain will increase the assessments against that man or woman who attempts to maintain a home.

The modern age calls for advancement, certain standards to be maintained, but is it wisdom to attempt a maintenance of those standards, if the burden is too heavy, or will it be a burden? Perhaps too all, it will not; but to some it will, and so, where does wisdom point?

WANTED: A NAME

The new park about to be dedicated is rummaging around for some kind of a name, that will indicate its relationship to the community as a whole. Naturally, we must remember that so many have been instrumental in getting such a thing for the community that no personal name would fit into the scheme.

It may be that the idea of a contest may be given to the community, and so perhaps, the brilliant minds might be wise in concocting some name that is typical of Hagerman as a whole.

COTTON AT THE GROCERY

A suggested editorial for The Messenger:

Sugar is sweet in the South, both for the customer and the merchant when it's packed in cotton sacks, according to the National Cotton Council of America, and the Cotton Textile Institute, the organizations jointly sponsoring National Cotton week. The statisticians of these organizations have proved that every time a carload of sugar is packed in cotton bags, no less than 16,800 cotton containers are used. And what does this mean? It means a day's work for 43 cotton farmers, 32 cotton mill employees and eight cotton bag employees—a total of a day's work for 83 persons.

Last year, American retail merchants sold to you and me and other consumers more than four and one-half million tons of sugar, amounting to 120 thousand carloads. If every bit of that sugar had been packed in cotton bags, it would have meant a day's work for 9,960,000 people, or a third of a year's work for 100 thousand people.

All staples, too, regardless of their flavor, would be as sweet as sugar—in an economic way—to cotton farmers.

In the battle for increased markets, King Cotton has the right to ask that the southern seller and purchaser demand cotton wrappings, cotton bagging and cotton containers wherever the use of such articles is feasible and practicable. Without going into detail, it may be pointed out that staples are easier to handle in cotton bags, with less loss through tearing; that cotton bags do not deteriorate easily; that cotton bags allow "natural breathing," prevent caking and minimize heating and sweating.

If consumers and merchants would voice a vigorous "NO!" to staples packed in substitutes, King Cotton would not totter so noticeably on his throne.

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

THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Oscar Kiper, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service each Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. J. E. Wimberly, superintendent. Morning service 11 a. m. Rev. W. B. McCrory, minister. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. E. Harrison, pastor. Howard Menefee, church school superintendent. Mrs. O. J. Ford, associate superintendent. R. M. Middleton, B. T. U. director.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. B. T. U. 6:30. Evening service 7:30. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Woman's Missionary Societies and Brotherhoods meet each Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH

Arthur Shaw, pastor. Howard Menefee, church school superintendent. 10 a. m.—Sunday school. 11 a. m.—Divine worship. 6:45 p. m.—Epworth League. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. 2 p. m. Wednesday—Circle meeting of Women's Missionary Society. 7:30 p. m. Wednesday—Mid-week service. 7:30 p. m. Thursday—Choir rehearsal.

"The church with a full program that touches life," invites the public to attend its services and join its fellowship.

Dexter News

Dexter Woman's Club Elects Officers

Mrs. K. L. Britt was elected president of the Dexter Woman's Club at the regular meeting held Thursday, April 13. Those elected to serve with Mrs. Britt were: Mrs. Loman Wiley, vice president; Mrs. Clem Krukenmeier, secretary; Mrs. Vergil Jones, treasurer; Mrs. L. Parker, parliamentarian; Mrs. C. N. Moore, historian, and Mrs. J. T. McNeil, auditor.

The president, Mrs. R. G. Durand, presided over the routine business session, at which time Mrs. Parker, chairman of the beautification committee stated the needs for funds to carry on work in the park and that this department would sponsor a game benefit for next Thursday night.

Mrs. Britt, chairman of the club institute, gave a most instructive talk on club finances. For roll call response, many beautiful bits of poetry were recited. Mrs. Parker had charge of the program and she used as her subject, "Applied Psychology." This subject was presented in a very interesting and practical manner and was followed by a round table discussion. Mrs. Durand brought the meeting to a close by playing two piano solos, "In the Swing," and "Dance of the Peons." Those expecting to attend the convention are Mrs. R. G. Durand, president; Mrs. Britt, delegate and state chairman, Mrs. L. Parker and Mrs. F. L. Mehlhop.

The club room was colorful with low bowls of brilliant tulips. The hostesses were Mesdames L. Martin, Harvey Pirtle and K. L. Britt. They served a dainty refreshment plate to about thirty members and guests.

Messenger Want Ads Get Results!

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 16, 1939.

NOTICE is hereby given that Wesley S. Greer, of Hagerman, New Mexico, who, on Sept. 28, 1934, made Stockraising Bid E. No. 050392, for NE 1/4 Sec. 9; NE 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 Sec. 10; N 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 14-S, Range 27-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Emmett Patton, Notary Public, at Roswell, New Mexico, on the 4th day of May, 1939.

Claimant names as witnesses: Giles V. V. Barron, Chalmer O. Hollaway, Clarence Greer and Mark Dockray, all of Hagerman, New Mexico. PAUL A. ROACH, Register. 12-5t-16

In The WEEK'S NEWS CURRENT EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE MESSENGER

Collage of photos with captions: YANKEE CLIPPER TAKES OFF—A view of the Yankee Clipper, new 42-ton flying boat as it left the dock last before it took off from Baltimore for a trans-Atlantic flight preparatory to inaugurating passenger and mail service to Europe. SENSATIONAL ROOKIE SLUGGER—Harold (Pete) Reiser, 19-year-old Brooklyn Dodgers' sensational rookie batted 1.000 against the first seven pitchers he faced. Reiser is called a "Second Joe Cramer" by Brooklyn Manager Durocher. IN THEY GO—The "Nauvotack" and the "Berkton," new 110-ft. Coast Guard harbor cutters, hit the water almost together at the Delco Works in Bay City, Mich. Powered with two 8-cylinder, V-type General Motors 2-cycle diesel engines, and with a 3,600 mile cruising range. The vessels will be stationed at Boston and Philadelphia. RARE IN EQUINE HISTORY—Once in every 25,000 foals is the average for birth of twin colts, and of these, only one pair out of 50,000 lives. But despite the odds against them, these twins, born at Tulsa, Oklahoma are thriving. FLOWER "GIANTS" PRODUCED—Using the powerful drug, colchicine, scientists are producing new "giant" flowers. At left is an over-sized blossom grown on a "drugged" plant at the Seed Station. At the right is a normal blossom of the same plant variety. COCKY—This gay wheat-colored hen worn by Irene Castle is the newest of still-brimmed strows.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, Mrs. Carl Hanson and Carolyn motored to Roswell Sunday afternoon to attend the show.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wiggins attended "Dodge City" at the Yuca Sunday.

Miss Letha Green and Ed Boans motored to White City and other points of interest Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Hughes is visiting this week in El Paso with her daughters, Misses Eleanor and Flora Hughes.

Miss Ida Langenegger, who has spent the past several months at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Clark and family, returned to Hagerman Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McCrory of Artesia attended church Sunday at the Presbyterian Church in Hagerman and were guests at the Harrison McKinstry home for noon-day dinner.

Sam McKinstry attended the livestock sale in Clovis last Friday and expressed his pleasure of visiting in that section of New Mexico, stating the country presents very favorable farming prospects.

From Texas Technological College at Lubbock comes the report that Miss Ruth Wade made the fall semester honor roll with an average grade of "B." Miss Wade is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wade.

O. J. Atwood, who has been visiting his father at Collinsville, Okla., for several weeks, returned to his home here Saturday. He reports that his father, who recently underwent an operation for cataract, is improving as well as can be expected.

Mrs. C. W. Curry and Mrs. Enfield left Tuesday morning for Mrs. Enfield's home at Roseville, Ill. Mrs. Enfield, sister of Mr. Curry, has spent several months at Hagerman and has made many friends who regret her returning to her home.

O. J. Aatwood returned last Friday night from Oklahoma, where he went several weeks ago to be with his father during a serious operation. He reported his father as doing as well as can be expected, but they do not know the results positively yet.

Many Forms of Life Found in Caves Recently Added to the Caverns Park

Vandalism which was destroying evidence of incalculable value to archeologists have been checked in spectacular caverns of the Guadalupe Mountains by inclusion of 39,488.41 adjoining acres in Carlsbad Caverns National Park, an article in the current issue of Conservation, clipshet of the Department of the Interior, declares. The article continues:

This land of mesas, deserts and foothills is honeycombed with caverns, many of which have never been fully explored. Some have suffered from vandalism which resulted in partial obliteration of evidences pointing to occupancy of the caves by a prehistoric and aboriginal people. Indeed, one subterranean labyrinth containing a beautiful lake is called "Vandalized Cave."

Carlsbad Caverns National Park, even before addition of these caves, ranged as the most extensive, and probably the most beautiful in the world. The increased boundaries give it at least 17 large caves in Slaughter Canyon alone, among them New Cave, with many of the formations known as "Liberty Bell," and Bighorn Cave, so extensive that in past years it was utilized by the mountain sheep as a refuge from the storms.

Other wildlife inhabitants of these caves include ringtails, gray foxes, bobcats, spotted skunks and a great variety of rats. There are also insects yet unstudied and small forms of little-known animal life. Bird populations include owls, canyon wrens, phoebes and a large breeding colony of white-throated swifts in Bighorn Cave. With exclusion of cattle, it is believed that native plants and flowers will rehabilitate themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jack West are driving a new car this week and Col. Tom McKinstry is listed among the new car owners.

Mrs. L. R. Burck, Mrs. Marvin Tollett and little Misses Valera and Barbara Burck left Friday for Lubbock. The little granddaughters had spent the week with their grandparents. Mrs. Tollett visited a former roommate, Miss Bernice Paris at Texas Tech and her brother, L. R. Burck and family. Mrs. Burck and Mrs. Tollett also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tollett of Rogers, N. Mex., Sunday and Monday, before returning to Hagerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langenegger and son Jack motored to Roswell Sunday afternoon to attend the picture show.

Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bowen had as their guests at a dinner party on April 16 the following: Messrs. McKinsty, Dub Andrus, R. L. Collins, Harold Miller, A. L. Nail, Kenneth Servatius and Lloyd Harshby. After dinner, bridge was enjoyed by those present, Mrs. Dub Andrus winning high score.

The damage to fruit by recent cold spells has been negligible in practically all areas, according to the most authentic reports. Danger of a late freeze is rapidly passing and a fair yield of all varieties of fruit will soon be assured.

C. E. Carter returned Friday from Amarillo, Tex., where he had been visiting for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vedder Brown are in Roswell this week.

Pat Summers was attending court in Roswell Tuesday.

The Rev. A. E. Watford and C. E. Carter were in Roswell Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. West and daughter, Loveta were in Roswell shopping Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason and Sgt. Franklin Johnson were business visitors to Artesia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blythe and children of Booneville, Miss., are visiting relatives and friends here.

The Rev. C. C. Hill filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church Sunday and preached an interesting sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Campbell left Sunday for an East Texas destination, where Mr. Campbell will be employed in a box factory.

Mrs. W. P. Woodmas has returned from Roswell, where she has been taking medical treatment and seems very much improved in health.

Mrs. S. E. Hamill and baby, Grary and son, J. E., left last week for a month's visit with relatives and friends in Corpus Christi, Tex.

W. A. Losey is attending a meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association, having gone as a representative of the bankers of New Mexico.

W. P. Woodmas and son, Marlin were in Roswell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sweatt were in Roswell Tuesday.

Jewell Davis was in Roswell Tuesday.

Follow the crowd Sunday evening, it will lead to the Epworth Senior League.

Leader, Grace Menoud. Subject: "The Test of our Friendship." Scripture—John 19:8-12; James 2:23—Verna West. Song—No. 15—League. Prayer—Mrs. E. T. Swisher.

Talks—"Test to Apply," Alyce Williamson; "We Are Social Believers," Kenneth Stine; "Be Yourself and Let Me Be Myself," Evelyn Lang; "Friendship Between Boys and Girls," Spurgeon Wiggins; "What Does a Girl Admire in a Boy?" Clyde Pearce; "What Does a Girl Despire Worst in a Boy?" Marguerite Watford; "What Does a Boy Despire Worst in a Girl?" Campbell Burrell. Song—League.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO MEET IN SANTA FE

The annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans will be held in Santa Fe Monday, April 24, Francis C. Wilson, commander of the department of New Mexico, has announced.

The program being planned is to be as attractive as possible, said Commander Wilson, who urges that all members of the organization be present.

Messrs. and Mesdames Bayard Curry and Robert Cumpsten and their families attended the show in Roswell on Tuesday night.

Miss Sara Beth West, Charles Wier, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ledbetter, Miss Bernice Tulk and Dub Hardin visited her Calumet ranch, east of Dexter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donal Lee Newsum, Mrs. W. H. Keeth, Misses Lorene Keeth and Loreta Davis were Roswell visitors last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langenegger and Coy Knoll made a business trip to Clovis last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Nowak of Cottonwood were Hagerman visitors Tuesday. They later motored to Roswell.

Bells and By ELSIE YOUNG

THE Princess Alexandra stirred ever so gently pulled the cover close to her shoulders. Cold! Cold! Cold! Must ask Katja to cover her with her coverlet. Katja's coverlet was of lace and fine. Aunt Karlova had given her in her embroidery.

Winter! It must be suddenly sleighbells in the streets. Street and far away they have a heavy snow falling the night. Bells! An incessant ringing of an unending procession. World they never were they never were! Strange that I have remembered. So clear as crystal. How have I forgotten! How this was her wedding. The wedding guests—friends, officers from the army, officials from their families. Why, hundreds of them. And all coming to the wedding, her's and the strange weight lay on Sophia! She felt she was ing—she was povering.

And now, as she had started, the being guests, then, were all waiting. And Victor, he too, was ing! How splendid! In his uniform of guard, all white and flashing order of St. St. on his breast. Ah, how derful! Swiftly, thoughts flew back to had met him. It was the Dolgoruky palace making her first formal in society. Victor had to lead the procession. They had passed through of flags, and instead of to the ballroom, he had off to the garden. It was low by the fountain, he her, and told her she divine lovely thing. And now he was ated. And now he was and Victor were to be never, so Victor had to slow her to part.

But suddenly, seemed to be arriving, the sleigh-bells again. The banquet must be about the great hall. But Sophia, the bride, was there. Where was she? Was Katja? Why didn't the wedding dress, the ing thing that had been Paris? Where was the headdress of pearls she worn by her mother, and mother, and by countesses brides before them? strange sense of loss in Alexandria Sophia! this pain, this anguish—ing—this heavy, heavy ing—is to they never stop? What cow coming to her, she, the bride, not ready! Ah! They were—It seemed she was where. They were out some one was pounding shaking it. Dear God! was breaking in. They been asleep, fast asleep were still dazed, but let's be Katja! good old Katja! wedding dress? But it wasn't Katja. The little Katja. The little Katja wideawake at last! wideawake with a shudder complete awareness. A an in a faded wrapper fore her. She was thick white cap and dearie, it's coffee! I'm ing up to ye. I feared to sleep this morning. If you got in last night, poor little lamb!

Ah! Awake! How awake! To realize the know that she was only loff, apprentice at a establishment, that she hall room in Mrs. Morring house on Lenox she had overslept and late to her job. And all, to remember that longer young, no longer that no one in all the cares what happens to Victor? Katja! Aunt gorki palace, court dresses of lace, silken. Gone, gone! Borze! long ago had they War, revolution. Red killed these dear once familiar things, vanished utterly, but to live on, adrift, alone. But suddenly the again. Now at last real meaning. With gesture, she pulled up from under the pillow it against the wall. "It me," she sobbed. "It me at all. It made me Ah, Mrs. Murphy, the good to dream of sleep Russia!"

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# In The WEEK'S NEWS

## Little Known Facts and Sidelights on Oil Industry

### Meditations

Of Your Country Cousin

Age ain't a matter of years. It ain't even looks er feelings. It ain't nothin' so much as a point of view.

Pretty bad, all right! Bud 'lunked in his English course an' Betty barely made it by the skin of her teeth in arithmetic. Might be a big help in such a serious situation if Ma and Dad would dig up some of their own report cards!

This here makin' money is kinda like makin' friends. Bein' good er ad depends mostly on whether it's the idea of "gettin'" er "givin'" hat's in your mind.

Somebody said the other day hat folks of ordinary intelligence never did like to wash dishes. Maybe so, but there's them that hinks folks always like to do anything they've learned to do well!

Most folks are pretty awkward t' apologizing. When you see somebody that can do it gracefully you can just put it down that e has spent some time and effort ractin' in. Like cuttin' the nails in your right hand, it don't usually come natural.

You'll notice most of us have to say for our kids' education—an' a lot of it comes mighty late and powerful unexpected!

C-A-L-A-M-I-T-Y spells "opportunity" in some lives. It's all in how you take it!

### A LINE TO YOU

By E. M.

In scouting around the community this week we saw and heard Mrs. Reuben Williamson say her husband is very much indisposed. e is getting himself in prime condition to have some useless tonsils moved. Too, that he had his ork (farming) going well—cotton planted and sprouted in 24 ours. What a few warm days could do for that cotton!

I heard Mrs. E. D. Menoud hoping she would have some cherries. They have cherished the tree at their front door so carefully and she has a mosquito netting to "shoo" away the ambitious sparrows.

Our old friend, Dr. E. G. Lathrop, passed a remark about the "Hagerman Postal Card," knowing full well how much postal cards are appreciated. We all understood the little Scotchman perfectly—no hard feeling.

Have you noticed "Little California" as you've passed the home of Pa Jim and his better half? I can't begin to name all the little gadgets, otherwise called bushes and flowers, but her magic touch works miracles and gives others in spirations.

And as you know: The much-beloved little school ma'am who bloomed out in a bewitching perky hat?

The co-ed whose fond mother made and sent her a rich new black lace formal?

The elderly couple who are real picture show fans?

The lady who was overjoyed when the young gentleman said she might have the dog again?

The story of the local man, who recently saw the sister he had not seen since he was two years old?

The brown-eyed, bright-eyed charmer, who is equally adept at fashioning attractive frocks and concocting delicious viands?

That Bernice Tulk will make a charming, lovable grandmother?

And "Midnight" can easily be mistaken for "Old Black Joe"?

The latest addition to the exclusive "poker" gang?

The local gentleman, an old-timer of Hagerman, who crossed the Atlantic to France; and just the other day was beguiled into hopping the Rio Grande to the intriguing little border town?

The competitors who seem to play hide-and-go-seek each Tuesday and Thursday morning?

The lady, at a very dignified meeting, who quite openly announced that she had been "mad, mad as could be all day."

If a certain romance has gone on the rocks?

### Mobile Population

More and more of America's millions are mobilizing for the pursuit of happiness by living, working and playing on wheels. Trailertype homes are the answer to high taxes, run-down neighborhoods and the irresistible desire to travel, engineers and architects believe.

Current suggestions include "land yachts." These mobile homes, completely furnished, cost as little as \$300. "Suitcase" houses, small enough to pack and tow with the family car, already have reached the construction stage in laboratories. They can be unpacked for housekeeping in an hour.

Should traveling homeowners see an acre of land that looks good from the front seat of a trailer, they can set up a temporary farm with one of the new low-cost gasoline-powered tractors now being readied for the market. Manufacturers say they can guarantee a living for as long as the folks wish to stay!

Even the little red schoolhouse has taken to wheels. For the last two years, more than 500 petroleum industry workers have been getting a capsule college education from an oil company schoolhouse which travels from coast to coast on a truck.

Low-cost flexible transportation is helping thousands of Americans to catch up with leisure. Mobility at last!

### Lives vs. Minutes

Salvager of time and lives in oil exploration is the airplane. American and native oil workers, ambushed in the Colombian jungle by Motilone Indians recently, were wounded by poisoned arrows. They made camp before collapsing, but life was merely a matter of minutes until someone remembered a nearby plane and rushed them to the hospital in Barranquilla, where all are recovering.

### Molecules Get Around

What makes oil "oily"? Petroleum researchers are chasing the molecules in lubricating oils to find the answer. In a layer of oil film, just one molecule thick, for instance, these infinitesimal units of matter stand on one end, lined up in the same direction.

They have a way of getting together in groups and patterns, evidently, but what irks researchers most, is the rapid way in which they get around. It takes a laboratory full of electron diffraction instruments, X-rays and cathode-ray oscillographs to keep up with them.

Out of this patient search, comes added knowledge of the way in which lubricants work and with it even better methods of meeting the exacting demands of modern engineering.

### Fiftieth Anniversary

Hundreds of cities in Texas plan to celebrate the coming fiftieth anniversary of oil development in the state, unmistakable evidence of the industry's importance to nearly every Texas community of any size.

Obvious reasons for celebration are the 79,000 producing Texas wells from which nearly every resident in the state derives some benefit.

Prolific but uncelebrated source of state revenue is the \$22,000,000 annual oil tax yield. Oil, generally believed to be taxed at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent of its sale value, actually is contributing an eight-cent tax revenue on every barrel, recent surveys show. Although the industry comprises 19 per cent of the total value of all taxable properties, it pays 42.4 per cent of all state and local taxes. Uncelibrated also is the rapid growth of oil taxation—a 50 per cent increase in taxes paid directly to the state within the last two years.

Those who have the interests of the state in mind, however, are inclined to see disastrous results should taxes climb to even higher levels. It is believed that increases would probably be passed on to the consumer, through sheer economic necessity, bringing higher prices for gasoline with resultant lower consumption, decreased employment and loss of business to many thousands.

Give the petroleum refiner due credit for prolonging and expanding America's oil reserves. While the geologists and the producers are finding and producing more and more crude underground, the refiner gradually is improving refining processes to the extent that less and less crude is being needed to meet the growing demand for refined products.

Within a comparatively few years, for instance, the refiner has doubled the quantity of motor fuel obtained from a barrel of crude oil. It is claimed for recently perfected refining methods that this quantity shortly will be increased by about 50 per cent!

In addition, the new refined products are capable of yielding more power and useful work. By thus playing both ends against the middle, the petroleum industry seems to be making life difficult to those who cry scares of oil scarcity!

## Sh Pastures in Hot Months

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

months in spring and native pastures usually grow luxuriantly. As the heat of summer intensifies by irregular rainfall, the grasses slow up and dry up, and grazing animals show the effect of the hot sun and dry feed.

Especially bad for dairy cows is the weekly cream drops with discouraging results. Dairy cows should have time to lie up in the shade before she gets a hot sun on her back. Cows will not be enough to assuage the hunger, so it is vitally important that the grazing be done when the weather is not too hot.

It is the surplus feed that is the best improved pastures, and in fact the best improved pastures, the grazing should be done when the weather is not too hot.

The disease is extremely deadly and is caused by a germ called bacillus anthracis, of which there are two main forms. There is the germ proper and also what is known as a spore form or resting form. It is through the virus or poison germs that the disease is passed from one individual to another.

The spore forms are very resistant and are especially so when dried. They may resist boiling temperature for a prolonged period and spores in the soil may remain there for many years rendering the soil highly infective and consequently useless for the raising of livestock.

When an animal dies of anthrax or suspected anthrax it is necessary to handle the carcass if possible with poles and on no account should it be touched with the bare hands. A small skin abrasion is sufficient to permit the entry of the poison into the tissues and thus cause the disease.

Carcasses of animals, known or suspected of being infected, should be destroyed by burning so that the spore forms of bacillus anthracis may not be released into the soil and rendering it useless perhaps for generations as far as stock raising is concerned.

In man, while infections may be incurred as previously mentioned in those handling animals or their products, a common source of infection is the unsterilized or imperfectly sterilized shaving brush. The spores of anthrax may cling unseen to the bristles of any such brush ready to enter a skin abrasion and cause the deadly disease.

It is wise, therefore, to buy brushes manufactured by reputable American firms where one can rest assured that proper and adequate sterilization has been carried out.

## Health Column

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

Mention was made recently in the newspapers of some shaving brushes which were known to be infected with a disease known as anthrax. The brushes, which were made in Japan, were promptly traced and destroyed by the Health Department.

Anthrax is primarily a disease of animals—cattle, sheep, hogs and horses being the most frequent subjects. However, all warm blooded animals are subject to the disease which, unfortunately, is readily communicable to man.

Persons handling either animal themselves, or any animal products, such as meat, hair or hides are liable to become infected with anthrax.

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## GIRL SCOUTS

### Home Nursing Badge

(continued from last week)

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

1.—(cont.)—Make a collection of inexpensive, attractive playthings that would be safe and interesting to a little child under five, for play out of doors. Make at least one of these playthings for some child of this age.

2. Discover the kinds of food that are needed by a well, normal child at one to five years of age, and find out what each food does to help the child grow and keep well. Prepare and serve at least one of these foods as part of a day's well-balanced food plan that a child of this age might enjoy.

3. Clothes for the runabout child should be simple and easy to care for and should also be easy to put on so that the child may learn to dress himself. Make a picture scrapbook of a complete set of cloth of this type for such a little child. Find directions and make at least one of these articles of clothing as part of a complete set.

4. Your school nurse, doctor or public health nurse can tell you whether your town has a summer round-up to help get young children ready to enter school, or a year-round well-child conference in order to help in keeping them well. Find what is done by the summer round-up or by the well-child conference and learn ways in which you and other members of your troop can help in their work.

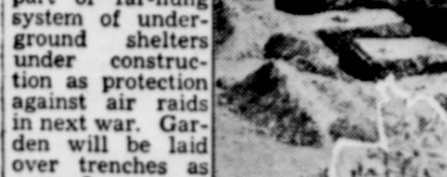
5. A well, normal child under five years of age can and should do many things for himself. Find out what these things are, at what age a child may be expected to learn them and some of the best ways to help the child to learn. Then help some child learn how to do at least one of these things, such as give his own morning care, dress himself, prepare for a meal.



PARIS "CATA-COMBS" . . . Reproduction of maze-like catacombs under city of Rome is this scene in Paris, near Seine river, part of far-flung system of underground shelters under construction as protection against air raids in next war. Garden will be laid over trenches as camouflage.



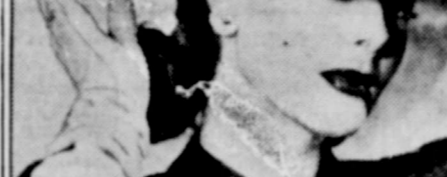
WHICH IS MOTHER? . . . Give up? Well, "young" lady on right is mother, Mrs. Anna Palmer Wheeler of Coxsack, N. Y., who is looking over congratulatory messages on 106th birthday with daughter, Miss Annette Wheeler, who has just celebrated 80th birthday. Mrs. Wheeler is still active in housework, likes to read newspapers and work crossword puzzles.



TEE BUSTERS! . . . Ralph Guldahl (left), National Open champion, and "Slammin'" Sammy Snead are shown with trophy emblematic of Miami International Four-Ball Golf championship after surviving field comprised of 16 teams made up of nation's topnotch sub-par linksters.



HOT DOG . . . Newest double-duty brainchild of industry is hot water bottle especially designed for children by Helen Wright, Akron stylist. Modelled in replica of pet dog, new "comfy toy" was featured at New York trade exhibit.



CASTING SHADOWS . . . Flattering shadows are cast by this large mushroom brimmed hat of black Milan with prim, decorative bouquet at front of crown that is opened to show hair at back.



TAX FIGHT SPREADS . . . With Mrs. Charles J. Reeder of Carthage, N. Y., as newest leader the National Consumers Tax Commission crusade to expose and combat hidden, consumer - penalizing taxes has spread to 43 states. Mrs. Reeder is NCTC national committee member for New York.

## Oil and Gas Lease Sale Last Week At Santa Fe Brings Total of \$17,600

In the monthly sale of oil and gas leases by the state land commissioner at Santa Fe last week, only 19 of 28 tracts offered were sold for a total of \$17,600. No bids were received on eight of the others, and of five bids on another tract, none was sufficient and all were rejected.

The tracts, acreages, descriptions, successful bidders and amounts paid:

Tract 1—1,200 acres in 8 and 22-9-33; 6, 12, 16, 17, 21 and 23-10-35; 8 and 16-10-36; Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., Tulsa, Okla., \$2,424.

Tract 2—360 acres in 14, 23 and 26-10-37; F. R. Warn, Los Angeles, \$168.76.

Tract 3—808.72 acres in 4, 6, 10 and 26-11-32; 27-11-33; 32 and 33-32; 32-12-33; 14 and 24-13-32; 10, 17, 24 and 30-14-32; 23-15-32; Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., \$1,706.

Tract 4—640 acres in 15 and 28-12-34; Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla., \$1,010.

Tract 5—560 acres in 14, 27 and 34-14-34; Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., \$1,212.

Tract 7—804.12 acres in 1, 19 and 24-17-28; 8-17-29; 20-18-28; 1 and 27-19-28; A. M. Lockhart, Long Beach, Calif., \$454.50.

Tract 8—120 acres in 16-17-30; 16-17-31; Etz Oil Co., Roswell, \$606.

Tract 9—2,411.20 acres in 7, 8, 9 and 10-19-28; Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla., \$3,220.60.

Tract 11—160 acres in 28 and 33-17-34; Ohio Oil Co., Casper, Wyo., \$1,536.

Tract 12—320 acres in 8, 14, 16 and 17-17-35; Two States Oil Co., Roswell, \$856.

Tract 13—320 acres in 17-18-35; F. R. Warn, Los Angeles, Calif., \$320.

Tract 14—312.64 acres in 18-18-35; J. A. Combs, Carlsbad, \$312.64.

Tract 16—560 acres in 4, 5, 6 and 8-19-36; Guy H. Hooper, Roswell, \$595.

Tract 17—40 acres in 23-19-36; Albert J. Homeewood; Jamestown, N. J., \$361.

Tract 18—240 acres in 9 and 16-19-37; Roy G. Barton, Hobbs, \$254.66.

Tract 21—80 acres in 8-21-33; D. C. De Vito, Midland, Tex., \$105.

Tract 22—160 acres in 16-21-37; Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., \$2,001.

Tract 23—40 acres in 36-23-37; Augusta Mathias, Los Angeles, Calif., \$112.

Tract 24—240 acres in 24 and 36-23-38; 30-23-38; J. A. Combs, \$27—80 acres in 36-26-36; J. A. Combs, \$105.

## School Notes

At a meeting of the local school board several weeks ago, all teachers in the local school were re-elected for the coming year. Miss Maryonne Becker, music supervisor, had accepted a position in Arizona for the coming year.

All of the lower grades are taking part in a May Day program, scheduled for May 5. Group singing and the coronation of a May Queen will be the opening event.

The dances and drills selected by the different grades are as follows: Pre-first, The Candy Stick; first, The Grand Chain; Second, The Bluff King Dance; third, A Dutch Dance; fourth, A Milkmaid Dance and the Spider Walk; fifth, The Harvester's Dance; sixth, The Crisscross.

The exercises will be in at one o'clock on the school grounds. Following the May Day exercises will be a health film shown, and a talk by Dr. Crae from the Bureau of Public Health.

Physical examination of pre-school children by Dr. O. E. Puckett will take place at this time; and vaccinations for smallpox, and immunizations for diphtheria will be given the children whose parents desire it. We are especially anxious to have the children who will enter school this fall to take advantage of this opportunity.

Supt. E. A. White has been invited to attend and take part in the home-coming exercises of the public schools of Tahoka, Tex., on April 28, which is being sponsored by the graduating class of the school. It will be a home-coming to Mr. White, for he was superintendent of the Tahoka schools 26 years ago. A large number of ex-students have announced their intention of attending the exercises.

The eighth grade students, accompanied by Brennon Witt, attended the show in Roswell on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. R. McKinstry has been teaching this week for Mr. Witt, who went to Roswell to be with Mrs. Witt, who was ill. Mrs. Witt is reported to be better. Mr. Witt is back in school today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King came in from Captain Sunday afternoon to stay for awhile at their home here.

Harry Cowan, who has been ill, is now able to be out.

Little Miss Marlea Campbell, who has been ill is now improving.

## scribes to at Carlsbad Aug. 11 and 12

39 summer convention of Mexico Press Association has been set for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12. Rigdon and Bill Colvert, advertising manager, of The Carlsbad Currier, and Tom Summers, of The Hobbs News-Sun, are named as the program of the program, a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns is being arranged. As the Texas Press Association at Pecos on the same joint session is being held. The Texans probably the Caverns with the local newspaper people.

Menefee, who has been at the home of his son, Menefee, is now improving.

Attie Fletcher, who has the home of her daughter Sam Boyce of Roswell, is



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### IN SOCIETY

#### DEXTER WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM IS ENJOYED

An audience that showed its appreciation attended the Woman's Club benefit program at the school auditorium last Friday night when the club presented Miss Elizabeth Garrett and her Seeing Eye dog, "Teene." Miss Garrett told of the instruction received from the trainer and dog while at the Seeing Eye school in Morristown, N. J. The subject title of her talk was "Anticipation and Realization," and she touchingly related the joy of companionship and added independence the dog had brought into her life. Miss Garrett closed the delightful program with singing a few of her own compositions, the final number being our own state song, "O, Fair New Mexico," and in this one the audience joined with her in singing.

#### COOPERATIVE CONCERT DRIVE OPENED WITH A BANQUET MONDAY NIGHT

A banquet was given on Monday night at the Roswell Woman's Club for captains and workers for the annual cooperative concert association. Hugh Hooks of Chicago was present and gave an encouraging talk to the workers.

Mrs. L. O. Fullen will again serve as membership chairman, with Mrs. Floyd Childress acting as secretary. Mrs. Childress will be in association headquarters all next week, beginning Tuesday morning, when the drive begins. Representatives from the lower valley towns attended the banquet Mrs. Ramon Welborne of Hagerman was on the list.

Memberships this year will be \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

#### GIRLS SCOUTS HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at Hedges Chapel, the Girl Scout troop with their leaders, Mrs. T. D. Devenport and Miss Beatrice Lane attended to routine business. They made plans to furnish the opening in the Woman's Club program at their meeting on Friday, May 5.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Alan Hanson was hostess to a birthday party for her son, Johnny, who was five years old. Those who enjoyed the games were John and Buddy Watford, Jean Campbell, Jimmy Bowen, Weldon Millsap, Nancy Shaw, Frances McCarthy, Carlon Hanson, Jo Ann Graham, Neal King, Lawrence Ray Andrus, Olan Rogers, Westley Menefee, Peggy Jane Cumpsten and Johnny and Carina Hanson. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and cookies were served. Among those there were Mrs. Arthur Shaw, Mrs. Frank McCarthy, Mrs. Rufus King, Mrs. Howard Menefee, Mrs. Elwood Watford and the hostess.

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS

Several members of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Alan Hanson on Monday. A short business meeting was held and discussions for "Poppy Day" given. The poppies received Monday and "Poppy Day" will be held sometime in Refreshments of cake topped whipped cream and ice tea served to Mrs. Dub Andrus, John Clark, Mrs. Lloyd Harshey, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. F. W. and Mrs. Jim Michelet the hostess.

Security forms and systems of the Messenger.

### Social Calendar

Attention—The next meeting of the Young Woman's Guild has been postponed until May 12, at which time Dr. Puckett, district health officer will be present and will give the Schick test to all those desiring it.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Wednesday afternoon, April 26 at the home of Mrs. L. W. Garner. The Belle Bennett Circle, W. M. S. of the Methodist Church will meet Wednesday afternoon, April 26 at the undercroft.

Regular meeting of the local Men's Club will be held Tuesday evening, April 25 at Hedges Chapel.

#### REV. AND MRS. COX ARE GUESTS HERE

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Cox left Monday for Wink, Tex., where the Rev. Mr. Cox is pastor of the Presbyterian Church. While here, they visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White and on Sunday the Rev. Mr. Cox was in the local pulpit, both morning and evening. They were the recipients of several social favors. On Wednesday, Mrs. Cox was a guest at Presbyterian Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Wimberly. On Thursday she was a guest of the Thursday Club at the home of Mrs. Devenport. On Friday, they were noon-day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wimberly and on Sunday, noon-day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McKinstry on Friday evening, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason.

#### MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Presbyterian Missionary Society met with Mrs. H. J. Cumpsten on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Cumpsten was also the leader. Reports of the Presbyterial at Hobbs were heard. The foreign subject for the afternoon was "Korea," and the home topic was "The American Indian." Present were Mesdames Robert Cumpsten, H. J. Cumpsten, Howard Russell, Bayard Curry, J. E. Wimberly and T. D. Devenport and M. D. Menoud.

#### MISS ALICE LATHROP OF DEXTER HONORED

Miss Alice Lathrop of Dexter and a student at the Normal University in Las Vegas was recently elected student body president in a hotly contested election at the university.

Miss Lathrop is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lathrop of Dexter. She is finishing her sophomore year and belongs to Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority, Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity and Alpha Psi Sigma, honorary scholastic organization.

#### PARTY COMPLIMENTARY TO MRS. CLIFF HEARN

Complimenting her sister, Mrs. Cliff Hearn, Mrs. Donald West and Mr. West entertained last night with a bridge party at their home.

Mrs. E. E. Lane, Jr. won ladies' high score and C. H. Ledbetter gentlemen's high score.

Delicious refreshments of fruit salad, sandwiches, angel food cake, coffee and hot chocolate were served. Guests with the honoree and hosts were: Messrs. and Mesdames Kern Jacobs, E. E. McKinstry, Ramon Welborne, E. E. Lane, Jr., C. H. Ledbetter, Mrs. J. T. West and Miss Sara Beth West.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sterrett visited in Hagerman while Sunday night. They had just returned from a few days visit in Dallas, Tex., and report seeing lots of wet weather during their stay there.

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#### JACK HUBBARD, DEXTER BOY SCOUT LEADER

The Boy Scouts of Dexter, under the direction of Scoutmaster Jack Hubbard, have been cooperating with the Dexter Woman's Club in their civic project a community park. They spent the day planting grass in the acre of ground that comprises the park. By contributing their labor, they have saved the community a large amount of money and they have developed a pride in the appearance of their town which is of inestimable value to them and to Dexter.

The following boys worked on the project: Jim Bogle, George Durand, Gerald Eudy, Orvin Hanks, Howard Hanson, Kenneth Lee, John Miller, Tom Parker, Jack Parker, Junior Pritchard, Benarr Pritchard, Jack Sproul and Jim Wiley.

The planting of the park is under the supervision of John Bailey and the beautification committee of the Woman's Club: Mrs. L. Parker, Mrs. Loman Wiley and Mrs. George Wilcox.

#### BAPTIST SOCIETY HOLD QUARTERLY MEET

At the Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 18 the members of the W. M. U. Society held the quarterly meeting of the Pecos Valley W. M. U. There were about seventy-five people present and the following program was given:

Theme: "Followed the Eternal King by Stewardship."

10—Song service.

10:10—Devotional, Mrs. F. W. Sadler, Hagerman.

10:20—Stewards of Talents and Influence, Mrs. D. L. Newsom, Hagerman.

10:40—Stewards of Time and opportunities, Loving W. M. U.

11—Stewards of Possessions, Mrs. R. L. Malone, Roswell.

11:15—The Reward of Stewardship, the Rev. R. E. Harrison, Hagerman.

11:30—Special music, Roswell.

11:35—Sermon, the Rev. Earl Brock, Loving.

12:10—Lunch.

1:15—Song and prayer service for South-wide revival.

1:30—Business: Reports and recommendations from standing chairmen.

2:30—Inspiration address, the Rev. Mr. Kuykendall, Roswell.

#### ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns entertained Harold Doughty of Dallas with a delightful dinner on Wednesday evening. Seated at the table with Mr. and Mrs. Burns were Miss Agnes Leonard of Artesia, C. E. Fulton of Artesia and Mr. Doughty. After dinner, cards were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

#### DORCAS AND REBECCA CIRCLES ENTERTAINED

The Rebecca and Dorcas Circles of the W. M. U. were entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walton with Mrs. A. M. Ehret hostess. The members of the W. M. U. have been studying the book of Romans under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Harrison, who read and discussed the fourth and fifth chapters of Romans on Monday afternoon.

Following the study and devotionals, a lovely refreshment plate of angel food cake and fruit punch were served by the hostess.

Bright hued geraniums and an Easter lily gave the rooms a spring-like touch, which lent cheer to the occasion. Nearly twenty were present.

#### Farmers Permitted To Reap Benefits With No Crops Planted

In Washington last week, the agriculture department prepared regulations which would permit farmers to collect benefit payments under the farm law, even though they planted no crops.

The regulations will be based on an amendment to the 1937 farm act signed by President Roosevelt early in the week.

The amendment provides that a cotton, corn, wheat, rice or tobacco farmer will be eligible for full benefit payments on the normal production of his acreage allotment, provided he planted within that allotment. Officials said a farmer with an allotment who planted no crops would be eligible for the full amount.

Formerly, a farmer with an allotment of 100 acres who planted but 50 acres received the benefit payments on the normal production of 62.5 acres. Now he will receive payments on the full 100 acres.

AAA officials indicated that they expected few, if any farmers to quit planting because of the change in the law. It was said that farmers could not subsist on benefit payments alone. Also, it was pointed out that if a farmer stopped planting, he might eventually be deprived of benefit payments altogether.

Billy Zimmerman of Phoenix, Ariz., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman. He returned to Arizona on Tuesday.

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

BEHIND THE COW, 7 ANIMALS GIVE MILK FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. (CAMEL, HARE, SHEEP, ZEBRA, GOAT, BUFFALO, AND REINDEER.)

AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH EVERY AMERICAN EMPLOYED TODAY IS AN INDUSTRY NON-EXISTENT OR NOT STARTING 40 YEARS AGO.

COINS WITH A LEG TO STAND ON—THIS CURIOUS COIN WHICH HAD A LEG ATTACHED TO IT WAS USED BY THE ROMANS IN THE LAST CENTURY, B.C.

IN A RECENT SURVEY OF INVESTORS 85% SAID THEY WERE NOT INVESTING FUNDS IN JOB-PRODUCING ENTERPRISES BECAUSE TAX BURDENS ON COMPANIES WERE TOO HIGH.

SOME WAGONS BUILT IN A DAY—BUT OKLAHOMA CITY WAS OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE 22ND OF APRIL 1890, THE TOWN BURNED DOWN INTO A CITY OF 10,000 PEOPLE BY NIGHTFALL.

### LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree of Roswell visited in Hagerman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman visited in Hagerman Wednesday and made a business trip to Artesia.

Miss Louise Sterrett and Charles Sterrett visited Mr. and Mrs. John Langenegger and Mrs. Lula Heick several days last week.

John Garner and Miss Eupha Buck attended the show on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson of Fort Sumner visited with Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Key.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Devenport transacted business in Roswell on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pardee went to Roswell Tuesday, where they had lunch and went to the picture show.

Mesdames Lazelle Huckabee, John Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus were shopping in Roswell Tuesday.

Lloyd Harshey and T. J. West attended to business in El Paso this week.

E. E. Lane, Sr., transacted business in Las Cruces this week.

Mrs. Eliza Floto shopped and visited in Artesia this afternoon.

Frank McCarthy, Hagerman druggist sold his Ruidoso drug store, known as the Dean Drug, on Wednesday to a Mr. Todd of Ararillo.

Jim Michelet, W. A. Losey, Oldham Moore, Hal Bogle of Hagerman and Steve Lanning of Artesia went to Las Cruces Wednesday where they attended a meeting of livestock feeders at State College.

Lloyd Harshey, E. E. Lane, Sr., and J. T. West went to El Paso Tuesday evening and on Wednesday morning, Lloyd Harshey went to State College to attend the livestock feeders' meet.

Mrs. Coy Knoll and daughters, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Curry and Mrs. Enfield on an extended trip through Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska and other Northern states, where they will visit relatives.

We have heard from our old friend, John Clark of Texas again last week when he sent his renewal to The Messenger. Thanks. We

had asked him to send a little news of himself and family, but we are sure modesty prevented him from doing that very thing. John is one of the former Hagerman boys and is fast climbing the ladder of success and we are always glad to hear of him.

#### WHAT AN INSINUATION

Judge: "What brought you here?"

Accused: "Two policemen."

Judge: "I don't mean that—drunk, I presume?"

Accused: "Both of them." — Lustige Blaetter (Berlin).

"One of our little pigs was sick so I gave him some sugar."

"Sugar—what, for?"

"For medicine, of course. Haven't you ever heard of sugarcured hams?"

Hairy Customer: "Hair cut, shave, shampoo, mustache clipped and beard trimmed, and—er—where can I put this cigar?"

Barber: "Would you mind keeping it in your mouth, sir? It'll be a sort of landmark."

#### BLANKETY BLANK

Little Daughter: "Daddy, what do you call a man who drives a car?"

Dad: "It just depends on how close he comes to me."

Girl Customer: "Does this lipstick come off easily?"

Cosmetics Clerk: "Not if you put up a fight!"

#### SUPER-ULTRA ART

Critic: "Ah! And what is this? It is superb! What soul! What expression!"

Artist: "Yeah? That's where I clean the paint off my brushes."

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### Lovely Antique Heirloom Furniture At Cowan Home

Lovers of genuine old-time craftsmanship will go to thrill in seeing two pieces of solid walnut furniture which were recently received by Misses Mabel and Dorothea Cowan from a great-uncle in Liwa.

While the exact age of these interesting articles is not known, they are thought to be about a hundred years old, and were handmade by the father of the uncle who sent them to the Cowan girls.

One is a simply made table or "stand" as that type of table was formerly called which, owing to its sturdy construction, will be adequate for several more centuries of use.

The other piece is a perfect example of old-time craftsmanship and beauty. It is a sewing cabinet with drop leaves which, when opened, gives a cutting surface about 38 inches long. When closed it forms a compact cabinet with five narrow drawers, the size of the central part, which gives ample space for storing all necessary sewing accessories.

Those who appreciate the old-time craftsmanship and the use of solid walnut and other lovely woods in the construction of furniture, will enjoy comparing it with the modern veneered articles, which so often are of such flimsy construction that they cannot withstand the ravages of time and climatic changes and fall apart long before their period of usefulness should be ended.

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K. S. Kirby  
Charles Michelet  
E. D. Menoud  
Fletcher Campbell  
Lloyd Harshey  
Elbert Floto.

Misses Bernice Tulk, Sara Beth West and Charles Wier and Dub Hardin attended the show Sunday night in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tulk shopped in Roswell Monday.

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