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HAGERMAN COTTON AND HAGERMAN ALFALFA—THE BEST IN YEARS

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## Oil Wells Show Promise as Two Are Completed

## Edison and Republic Companies Are Now on Production With New Holes—One Location Is Made.

A dozen or more oil wells in Hagerman, Chaves County about ready to be completed, with oil showing, flowing and swabbing as operations go on, two wells were reported as completed and on production during the last week, while only one was made.

Edison Oil Co., Wilkinson 1, NE 17-18-31; total depth 3,180 feet; flowed 165 barrels of oil per day. Republic Production Co., Robinson 4-B, SE SE 35-17-29; total depth 3,302 feet; flowing 10 barrels per day.

One location was of Premier, Robinson 4-F, NE SW 31-17-30. Progress among wildcats and wells of general interest in Chaves County and the adjacent Amar area in Lea County: Fair & Pope, State 2-B, NE NE 11-18-29.

Total depth 2,676 feet; preparing to test. Fair & Pope, State 3-A, NW SE 36-17-29. Total depth 2,660 feet.

Drilling at 423 feet. Fair & Hudson 2, SW NE 14-17-24. Total depth 3,501 feet; shot 110 quarts nitro; cleaning out.

Burke, State 1, SE SW 36-24. Information. Cockerburn, Miller 4, NW SE 25-17-32. Total depth 4,029 feet; flowed 9 barrels oil per day; preparing to shoot.

Binney et al, State 2, SE SW 2-18-29. Drilling at 2,100 feet. Robinson 4, SW SE 25-18-31. Total depth 4,025 feet; testing.

## Bobcats to Meet Artesia Bulldogs Here on Friday

The home team will meet the Artesia boys at football Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hagerman stadium. The Hagerman team has won both games played at home and are showing a real improvement in their game this year.

Artesia has not been very successful this season, but have played stronger teams than has Hagerman. Come on and cheer for the home team. Treat the visitors courteously but beat them if possible.

## State Has Highest Percentage Cotton Under Class Act

New Mexico has a higher percentage of cotton receiving the free classification and market news service than any other cotton producing state, says Clayborn Wayne of the New Mexico Extension Service.

There are 23 Smith-Doxey organizations in New Mexico, with a total membership of 2,482 producers. This membership is composed of farmers in Eddy, Chaves, Dona Ana, Luna and Sierra Counties, and includes a total of 92,128 acres of Acala cotton.

According to reports from the El Paso office of the Division of Cotton Marketing, 6,501 bales have been graded and stapled for New Mexico producers this year in comparison with 4,689 bales for Texas and 3,745 for Arizona.

Gov. John E. Miles has accepted an invitation of Kermit Laabs, athletic manager of State College, to boot the pigskin on the opening kick-off of the State College-New Mexico University game at Las Cruces Friday, Nov. 10.

## To Buy Food for Stricken Navajos

Food for tribesmen on the drought-stricken Navajo reservation in Western New Mexico and Arizona will be bought with the \$25,000 made immediately available last week by the Department of Interior.

Total crop failures in some sections and sharp cuts in production in others were blamed by Indian Commissioner John Collier for "the most severe drought in the last 50 years."

## Bobcats Lose Hard Fought Contest to Roswell Reserves

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## Says Unemployment Contributions Are Due by October 31

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## None Hurt as Nitro Truck Blows Today

The Loco Hills were rocked about 9:30 o'clock this morning, but no one was injured when a nitroglycerine truck carrying 500 quarts of the high explosive was blown to pieces at one of the Underwood & Sanders wells.

The truck, belonging to Tex Thornton, one of the first oil well shooters who ever operated in the Artesia area, was standing alone and the explosives were detonated from cans of nitro which were blown from the hole when the well flowed.

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## No Explanation for Deed in Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia — Body and Wedding Ring Are Not Disturbed.

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## New Mexico Leads In Cotton Parity Payments in West

Progress from the Washington office show New Mexico to be leading all other states in the Western division with the highest percentage of payments received by farmers with respect to cotton price adjustment payments, Henry M. Miller, ACS secretary, said Wednesday.

## Many Lambs Are Being Fed in the Valley This Year

Thousands of lambs are making the annual exodus from the mountain and foothill ranches and many are stopping in the Pecos Valley, being put on feed for the market. Probably more lambs will be fed in the valley than in many years, according to indications.

## Rev. Arthur Shaw Returned to Local Church for Year

The Rev. Arthur Shaw was returned to the Hagerman Methodist Church by the annual conference at El Paso last week. The announcements were made Sunday morning.

## TO A DESERT FLOWER

When Nature in her kindest mood Scatters her treasure on a desert floor And in her lavish moments sends a rain, I'm sure that Eden's garden blooms again. —S. P. E., Artesia

## MILES WILL UNLIMBER TOE IN FOOTBALL GAME

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## The Weather

	High	Low	Rain
October 19	83	33	
October 20	83	39	
October 21	85	41	
October 22	84	39	.04
October 23	83	37	
October 24	85	41	

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Still and little Miss Gloria Menoud were Roswell visitors Tuesday afternoon.

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### Little Known Facts and Delights on Oil Industry

**Pieces at Work—** Museums are being dusted to work by industrial workers.

A variety of the quartz which primitive men as arrowheads has been found highly successful in the frequency control sets, because of its ability to maintain a constant rate of oscillation.

Researchers discovered, is a nonconductor of heat and its resistance composition is high. These make it a modern essential in telephone equipment and other appliances.

Descendants of the settlers who peered at the through mica-insulating stove glass gaze at exposition buildings, under colored lights, were magically in coatings of mica.

Years ago, andalusite and garnet, common items in mineral collections the world over, became important to the functioning of the automobile.

Their resistance to high temperatures and shock and their insulating qualities made them highly useful in making spark plugs. None knew these minerals could be used but search revealed adequate deposits in California. Twenty tons are mined there.

Another mineral old is used to make plaster. The growth of its use is attested by the plaster of Paris. Alabaster is used for vases, boxes and statuettes in the manufacture of modern dishes, lampshade covers and boxes.

Years ago, the value of wool produced in this country was less than two million dollars. Last year it was \$30,000,000—a 15-fold increase which is rapidly growing up as an industry in house building.

Minerals is the diamond. For centuries its principal use was as a gem. Today, more than 90 per cent by weight of the diamond production is used in industry.

Rapid precise manufacture of metal parts has become possible through the use of diamond tools. Small wires of diamond diameter can be manufactured by drawing them through holes of successively smaller diameters which have been pierced in diamond crystals.

Industrial diamonds are of prime importance in automobile and airplane industries.

Tractor—The success of Froelich, Ia., takes in the fact that the inventor of the gasoline tractor was a native of the spot where the first tractor was built.

Marker states: "This village John Froelich the first gasoline tractor that he built itself backward as well as ahead. More far-reaching in its than any other event in modern agricultural history, it moved this village and into the world in 1892."

David Shaw left Saturday morning on the bus for El Paso, where he was met by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Shaw, who attended the Methodist Conference.

He: "Come on, honey, let's play a game of tennis."  
She: "Can't. I played tennis yesterday and there's a blister on my hand."

He: "Then let's go for a hike."  
She: "Can't. Went for a hike yesterday and there's a blister on my heel."

He: "Well, then, for gosh sake, let's go horseback riding."  
She: "Can't. Went horseback riding yesterday."

Experts predict a short rice crop in the Philippines next year.

Rayon manufacturers of Peru are engaged in a price-cutting war.

Social Security forms and systems—The Messenger.

Ask Your Grocer For Harlan's  
**PURITY BREAD**  
You Will Like Its Good Flavor  
The Grocers in Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur Are Supplied  
With FRESH PURITY BREAD Every Day  
**Purity Baking Co.—Roswell**

Merchants Lunch—40c Club Supper—50c  
Sizzling Steaks—Sea Foods, All Kinds

### BUSY BEE CAFE

JIM RALLES, Manager  
318 North Main Street, Roswell, N. Mex.

**"OPEN ALL NIGHT"**

Busy Bee at Artesia Also

### Many Ranchers of State at Annual Ranch Day Affair

Meet at Jornada Experimental Range Station on Monday

Ranchers from all sections of New Mexico attended "Ranch Day" on the Jornada Experimental Range Station and the State College experimental ranch north of Las Cruces Monday.

The tour started from the Dona Ana County courthouse in the morning and the ranchers went to the college ranch, where a program was presented. At the reseeded plots, J. O. Bridges, assistant animal husbandman, State College, spoke on "Some Results of Range Reseeding Trials."

The party then proceeded to Camp Well, where J. H. Knox, animal husbandman, State College, talked on "Production on Black Grama Ranges."

At Jornada boundary F. N. Ares, superintendent of the Jornada station, told something of the "Jornada Management Plan." At Red Lake Well, K. W. Parker of the Forest Service spoke on "Control and Eradication of Snakeweed."

At Hay Stack Flat "Electric Fence and Tobosa Grass Hay" were discussed by F. N. Ares.

Lunch was served at noon at the headquarters, where there also were displays of range plants, experimental equipment and soil conservation exhibits. During the noon hour, talks were made by prominent speakers from State College. After the lunch, pasture 10 was visited, where Ares discussed twenty-four years of management of black grama pasture.

The Dona Ana plots were inspected and K. A. Valentine of the Forest Service spoke on "Experiment on Restoration of Creosote Bush Range." Dr. McGinnis, also of the Forest Service, discussed range management.

**Ten State College Students Named for Air School Program**

Ten State College students have been appointed to participate in the air school program inaugurated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority this fall in 260 American colleges and universities.

Students chosen were David Lois Henderson, Silver City; Fred Highley, Melrose; John Valkenaer, Mesilla Park; Reese Saville, Berino; Tony Bonomo, Mills; Pete Radosovich, Gallup; Clarence Hoffman, Roswell; Junior McClellan, Ship Rock; and Calvin Connelly, Tucumcari. Walter K. Goss, Organ; A. W. Hayward, Cimarron, and Clifford Voble, Clayton, were chosen as alternates.

The appointments were made by Dean D. B. Jett of the engineering school. Taken into consideration were the students' classification, giving seniors first choice; the applicants' age, giving older men preference, and the applicants' grade point averages.

Appointees were to go to El Paso to take physical examinations. Ground school instruction in the air pilot school began at the college last week. The class will attend ground school classes until they have been definitely chosen by the flying instructors in El Paso to take flying instruction.

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### WORLD NEWS BRIEF FORM

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

John Henderson of Columbus, Ind., brought the problem of law enforcement close to home. In court on a petit larceny charge, Henderson admitted stealing milk off the front porch of the county jail. Judgment was withheld.

At Cambridge, Mass., Bernard Carney, charged with vagrancy, told Judge Wilford D. Gray he thought it was too early to go to a warm jail for the winter. Informed he could get out in a short while or in the spring "when it is warm," Carney said: "I would like to get out as quick as I can. It's still nice." "It's your choice," said the judge. "Thirty days."

Cecil Lynch of Denver, accused of driving into two automobiles, explained to police: "I've been driving past that corner five years. There's a big door to a factory there and I've always wondered what was inside. But always that big door was closed. Tonight it was standing open. I turned to look and—bang!—I plowed into 'em." He still doesn't know what's behind that door.

Directors of the exclusive Union League Club in Chicago gave a dinner in honor of Steve Kelly, ruddy-cheeked, gray-haired, of indefinite age and their bartender for 50 years. Steve has served everything from watermelon soaked in champagne to beer, has mixed drinks for Presidents Harrison, McKinley, Taft and Teddy Roosevelt but, he said, has never touched a drop himself.

Nels Larsen of Omaha, Neb., telephoned the sheriff's office to report his automobile had been stolen. "What's the license number?" asked an officer. "I don't know," said Larsen. "Some deputy sheriffs took the license plates when they served a tax distress warrant on me."

Judge Dan Pyle of South Bend, Ind., held court on steps outside the courthouse for Joseph B. Lyvers, 28, crippled peddler who goes around in a wheelchair. Lyvers sued Joseph Badura, whose automobile struck him, for \$5,000. He won judgment for \$1,500.

Hull-Daisetta (Tex.) High School, claiming the longest winning streak in Texas schoolboy football, made it 39 straight with

a 31-6 conquest of Liberty. The string started in 1935.

Two laborers being called for forest fire duty near Mount Shasta, Calif., thought it peculiar that there should be two men named Jungers in the same truck. They got to discussing matters, found they were brothers who were separated in Spokane 20 years ago.

Elbert Allen Williams pays Kentucky taxes on 56 acres of farmland but owns only 18 acres. The Ohio River has washed away the rest of his holdings on Three Mile Island, south of Newburch, Ind.

It was just too bad for two beauty contest judges at a barbecue at Westville, Calif., when they declared a tie among four slightly contestants. A dissatisfied crowd threw the judges in a swimming pool.

London's Lost Property Office reports receipt of large numbers of women's handbags. Official explanation is that a woman in ordinary circumstances never forgets her handbag. Now she has to carry a gas mask as well as a bag and clings to the mask and forgets the bag.

The University of Colorado band have declined to have girl drum majors, explaining "adverse weather conditions would be too hard on the fair sex." That left Grace Chapman cold—or, rather, downright hot. Scoffed she: "Why, once when Harriett Miller and I twirled in Colorado Springs (with the high school band) it was so cold the batons pulled the skin off our fingers."

Five police cars dashed up to a fur shop in Los Angeles and 10 officers, answering a burglar alarm, piled out with drawn guns. As they started to break in, a man stepped from the gathering crowd. "That's all right boys," he soothed, "there's no burglar in there. I turned in the alarm to see how long it would take the police to get here."

They have an effective way of keeping Radio Officer White awake at the police officers' training school at University of Arizona. White listens to the professor with one ear. A radio earphone is clamped to the other. When the desk sergeant at headquarters wants any officer attending the school he broadcasts to White.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Yates and children returned to their home in Sanadino, Calif., last week, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhoades and relatives in Hale Center, Tex. C. C. Yates, another brother of Mrs. Rhoades, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Yates home.

### This Week At the THEATRE

MOTION PICTURES BEST ENTERTAINMENT

AT THE ROSWELL THEATRES

**FRIDAY—SATURDAY**  
10c — 21c  
BOB BURNS  
**"OUR LEADING CITIZEN"**  
**OWL SHOW SAT. NITE**  
SUN.—MON.—TUES.  
The Screen's Greatest  
Actress—BETTE DAVIS  
GEORGE BRENT  
MIRIAM HOPKINS in  
**"THE OLD MAID"**

**FRIDAY—SATURDAY**  
Kiddies 5c Adults 16c  
THREE MESQUITEERS in  
**'KANSAS TERROR'**  
SUN.—MON.—TUES.  
TYRONE POWER  
ALICE FAYE  
DON AMECHE  
**"ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND"**

### YUCCA | PECOS THEATRES

Roswell  
Make Up a Party to Attend  
**GALA HALLOWE'EN PARTY**  
YUCCA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31—11:30 P. M.  
Cash Prize for Best Costume

O. C. Basinger is on the sick list this week.  
Ralp Wandewart of Roswell was in town Monday.  
Mrs. Kern Jacobs and Miss Mayre Losey were in Roswell Friday.  
Mrs. O. J. Atwood and Mrs. J. T. Condit and Julius were in Roswell Saturday morning.  
The hamburger shop, that has occupied the old stand where the pressing shop was, has closed.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MESSENGER

Mrs. R. H. Boykin and Johnnie visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Stuart Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhodes, Dorothy Rhoades and Bertha Mae Lawing were Artesia visitors Saturday night.  
Mrs. Fred Henderson and two daughters and Mrs. H. Steiwig of Artesia were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus King Thursday.  
Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade paneled or plain stock.—The Messenger.

**WEST'S WEEKLY LETTER**  
Come in and let us fill your radiator with Prestone. We use soft water.  
**J. T. WEST**  
Phone 32 Hagerman, New Mexico

### What a "Break" for Thrifty Housewives



Our Sensational Clearance of 1939 Model  
**L. E. S. LAMPS**

It isn't often that you'll see such a savings offered on new (but '39 models) L. E. S. sight-saving lamps... so don't fail to take advantage of this clearance. Your old lamp, regardless of type, condition, size or age, is worth up to \$2 on a beautiful L. E. S. Lamp until Nov. 1st. Bring it in!

You've Only Until Nov. 1st So Hurry!

**Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company**

### Hunters!

We Are Headquarters For  
**REMINGTON KLEANBORE AMMUNITION**

Come in and ask Us About Our Hunting Contest  
Main at Third Central Hardware, Inc. Phone 77

### USED CAR BARGAINS!

- Just a few of the many good buys we have in used cars
- 48B—1937 Ford 1/2-ton, stake body, new paint and in good condition.....\$350.00
- 61—1937 Pontiac Town Sedan, reconditioned, original paint.....\$485.00
- 64A—1936 Plymouth Sedan, new paint, looks good, reconditioned motor.....\$325.00
- 131—1938 Chevrolet Coupe, radio, car in A-1 condition.....\$500.00
- 143—1938 Chevrolet Coach, new paint, clean car.....\$500.00
- 179—1937 Buick 61-6 wheel, four-door sedan, low mileage, radio, heater, car in perfect condition.....\$750.00

THE CAR YOU ARE NOW DRIVING WILL PROBABLY MAKE THE DOWN PAYMENT  
**McNALLY-HALL MOTOR CO.**  
Sixth and Main Roswell, N. Mex.

Could You Use Borrowed Money To Make Money?

We are ready to lend money to help you to make money in any safe, legitimate way. You benefit, we benefit—and our depositors do not lose. We welcome such loans.



First National Bank Hagerman, N. M.

IN SOCIETY OPENS OFFICE IN CITY

The Central Valley Electric Membership Corporation is opening an office in Hagerman for the accommodation of the members and completion of arrangements to begin work on the lines.

BELLE BENNETTS MEET

The Belle Bennett Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Wednesday with Mrs. Jack Menoud. Mrs. Howard Menefee was in charge of the program.

A Halloween party was planned for Tuesday night, Oct. 31.

FIFTH SUNDAY LEAGUE MEETS

The Fifth Sunday League meeting meets in Hagerman next Sunday, Oct. 29. The meetings are composed of the leagues from Artesia, Hope, Carlsbad, Lake Arthur, Dexter, Roswell and Hagerman.

SHOWER IN HONOR OF MRS. RAY SANDERS

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church entertained Tuesday with a lovely shower in honor of Mrs. Ray Sanders (Eunice Arnold) a recent bride.

L. C. CLUB MEETS

The L. C. Club met Oct. 12 at the Woman's Club house with Mrs. Elmer Graham acting as hostess.

After the quilt was finished, refreshments of ritz sandwiches, oatmeal cookies and spiced tea were served to the following members: Mmes. E. D. Menoud, Marion Woody, Tom Ferguson, Rufus Campbell, Earl Stine, Ernest Utterback, C. O. Holloway, Jim Saunders, B. F. Gehman, B. F. Knoll, Lester Hinrichsen, Fred Evans and Elmer Graham.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. B. F. Gehman at her home—From last week's news.

Mrs. Richmond Hams is expected home from Oklahoma soon, where she has been with her sister, who is recovering from a severe operation.

RECIPROCAL PROGRAM

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the members of the Dexter Woman's Club will be guests of the Artesia club women at a 1 o'clock covered dish luncheon which will be held at the Artesia clubhouse.

ROUND-UP AT THE LOSEY RANCH

The Losey farm, east of the city park, was the scene of much activity Tuesday afternoon when a branding and vaccination of 85 yearling cattle took place.

The branding lacked the true range color because the cattle were not roped and tied, a la rodeo, but were driven into a chute, a method less strenuous and damaging to man and beast.

Meditations Of Your Country Cousin

There ain't nothin' that'll turn your heart over quicker than a sweet, clean baby—an' nothin' will turn your stomach over quicker 'n a nasty one!

When a body wants to find somethin' he's lost, he goes to the place where he thinks he lost it. Well, reputations ain't no exception.

If you ain't right satisfied with what your kid is doin' in school, volunteer to teach his Sunday school class for a spell. More'n likely you'll soon be plumb astonished at how much that school ma'am is teachin' him!

Considerin' what is seen in these here beauty shops clubs as though their operators might be arrested for usin' misleadin' titles er somethin'.

When you hanker t' make friends with somebody it's a pretty good idea t' try to figure out just what sort of an enemy th' feller'd make.

There's always two ways to an argument. One's to get th' other feller to think like you do an' th' other ain't near so popular — to learn to think like he does.

Some stoop to conquer—an' others to be kicked!

Jimmie Bowen spent Thursday with his cousins in Artesia while his mother, Mrs. John L. Bowen attended the Auxillary meeting in Carlsbad.

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Probable Reward to Mrs. Everhart from U. S. Comes by Balloon and Parachute from El Paso

Mrs. Charles Everhart of Cottonwood, west of Lake Arthur, made a find Tuesday morning in that locality which may bring to her from the United States government a reward of up to \$20, a "radio-meteorograph," which traveled by air from El Paso attached to a small balloon and was lowered to earth by a parachute.

The strange instrument, which to the layman looks like a box 4x8x8 inches with "gadgets" exposed on two sides through 4-inch holes, is a valuable miniature broadcaster used by the Weather Bureau, which signals to the ground the temperatures of the air, moisture of the air and heights at which it is traveling.

On the flap of the box Mrs. Everhart found printed: "This is a radio-meteorograph, which has been released by the United States Weather Bureau. It ascended by means of a balloon and, at the greatest height, the balloon burst, returning the instrument to earth."

After relating the information the instrument broadcast, the notice continues: "This information was received on the ground. It is possible that this instrument may be used again. For this reason we offer a reward for its return. By returning this instrument you are cooperating with your government. Thank you."

The parachute by which the instrument came to earth was of red silk, about eight feet in diameter. From nine points around its circumference the chute was attached to a wicker ring, which in turn held the radio-meteorograph. The broken balloon of white rubber trailed along.

The instrument box, made of cardboard, was covered with aluminum foil, probably both to make it more easily found and to protect the "gadgets" from the weather. Trailing was a short wire, believed to be the radio antenna.

Instructions to the finder said a reward will be paid if returned within forty-five days of the time released, or longer thereafter if in good condition.

A card, to be mailed to the Weather Bureau Airport Station, El Paso, from where the radio-meteorograph was released, informed Mrs. Everhart it was instrument No. W5297, which indicated many are used. They probably are more common closer to the places from which they are released throughout the country.

The card also had places for the name and address of the finder, where found and the date found.

The instrument itself was mailed Tuesday afternoon, postage collect, according to instructions, by Mrs. Everhart to the Weather Bureau, Baltimore, Md., and the card to El Paso.

Observers speculated on the possible route and distance traveled by the radio-meteorograph. The estimated air distance, "as the bee flies," is about 140 miles. If the balloon took a direct route, it had to fly over the Hueco and Guadalupe Mountains in a general northeasterly direction.

However, it is possible it drifted to the east and skirted the higher Guadalupe, then came up the Pecos Valley. Or, someone suggested, it may have gone north up the wide valley between the Franklin-Organ Mountains and the Guadalupe, over the White Sands and crossed the Sacramento Mountains.

No one will ever know. But Mrs. Everhart stands to receive a check for her lucky find and a service to the government.

Mrs. Paul Whiteman of Dexter and Mrs. John Bowen and Jimmie went to Roswell Sunday afternoon to see "Real Glory."

Football fans will be in Hagerman to see the Bobcats in action Friday afternoon at the Hagerman stadium. The team has not lost a game at home yet, but will be up against stiff competition when the Artesia Bulldogs line up Friday afternoon.

First '40 License Plates Delivered By Penitentiary

New Mexico's 1940 license plates made their first appearance last week, but not for New Mexico motorists.

The motor vehicle division received 200 sample plates from the state penitentiary to be sent to every state in the union, the Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Newfoundland, Mexico, Australia, New South Wales and Holland.

Sale of the plates will begin Dec. 1.

Social Security forms and systems—The Messenger.

Oil Activity—

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McClure & Swift, State 1, NW NE 20-19-29. Drilling at 150 feet. Me-Tex, State 1, NW NW 16-18-31. Total depth 3,535 feet; waiting on orders.

Me-Tex, Stroup & Yates, Miller 1, NW NE 5-18-29. Drilling at 1,700 feet. Me-Tex, Stroup & Yates, Yates 3, NW SE 5-18-29. Drilling at 300 feet.

B. N. Nolan, Abbie Iles 1-X, SE SE 17-16-29. Total depth 1,824 feet; pumped 75 barrels in 18 hours; testing. C. M. Pope, Jr., State 1, SW SW 2-18-29. Drilling at 2,360 feet.

Plains Development Co., Massie 1, SW SW 27-18-29. Drilling at 2,550 feet. Premier, Beeson 3-F, SE SW 31-17-30. Drilling at 200 feet. Sanders Bros., Travis 2, SW NE

17-18-29. Drilling at 2,160 feet. Trojan Oil Co., Grant 1, NE 33-20-25. No information.

Underwood & Sanders, Miller 2, NW NW 4-18-29. Total depth 2,700 feet; preparing to shoot.

Underwood & Sanders, Guy 1-N, SW SE 9-18-29. Drilling at 2,490 feet. Underwood & Sanders, Guy 3-O, SE NE 9-18-29. Drilling at 1,650 feet.

Watson & Smith, Brookover 1, NE SW 4-18-29. Total depth 2,638 feet; rigging up pumping equipment. Martin Yates, Jr., Yates 3-A, SE NW 6-18-30. Drilling at 2,280 feet.

Woolley, Woolley 2-D, SW SE 31-17-30. Total depth 2,855 feet; flowed 25 barrels in 5 hours; shooting. S. F. Yates, Brainard 2, SE SW 3-18-29. Drilling at 1,000 feet.

Yates et al, Witherspoon 1, SW SW 1-18-29. Drilling at 1,470 feet. Franklin, Yates 4-A, NE NE 6-18-30. Location.

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