

SOCIETY

MARCH BIRTHDAY SUPPER OF REBEKAHS MONDAY EVE

As is the custom of the Rebekah lodge, the birthday supper for the month of March was held at the lodge hall, Monday evening. Miss Ella Bauslin, Mrs. Walter Douglas and Harvey Muncy were the honor guests on this occasion. Dr. C. T. Kibby, state instructor of the I. O. O. F., was the distinguished guest and speaker for the evening of the lodge.

The supper party and the lodge was marked with a fine attendance of members. Long tables were spread with linens and the dinner was served buffet style. A most bountiful meal was served during the dinner hour.

Dr. Kibby addressed the lodge on topics of interest currently. His connection of these matters in their relation to Odd Fellowship and the Rebekah lodge work was most interestingly brought to mind in his talk. Dr. Kibby's home is in Elida.

COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY EXTENSION CLUB PARTY

(Mrs. Henry Hall, reporter)
A very enjoyable time was had March 5th at the Cottonwood school house where an old time play party was held. Miss Katherine Whitechurch, home extension agent directed the games. Especially comical was the style review, the men dressing their lady partners in newspapers, using toothpicks to "stitch" them with. The men had to design the dress without any suggestions whatsoever from the ladies. After the dresses were made, a style show was held, each man telling what type of dress it was meant to be. The judges selected Mrs. Henry Hall and Monroe Howard as the prize winning couple. Mr. Howard having designed an evening gown with dance handkerchief to match. Other games played were "Farming Words," "Cross Questions," Barnyard chorus and several others. At a late hour, refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate were served to a large number of people.

Marshall King and Georgia Mae Cole and Johnnie Dollison and Ruby Ray Lambert, all of Artesia, secured licenses to marry at Carlsbad Saturday and were married by the Reverend Robert Ridener.

Social Calendar

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THURSDAY (TODAY)

The Young Matron's Missionary society will meet briefly after the study meeting of the Missionary societies at the church.

The Swastika Bridge club will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Marshall, hosts, at seven p. m. with a supper-bridge.

The O. E. S. chapter 18 will meet for their regular meeting this evening at the chapter rooms. After the regular meeting there will be a social hour. During this time various games have been planned for entertainment and all members are cordially invited to attend.

The Baptist Missionary society will hold their regular business meeting and royal service program at the church at 2:30 p. m.

The Dollar club of the Christian church will hold their meeting this evening at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Lanning.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are having a kitchen shower for their newly finished kitchen this afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at the church. All members are cordially invited to attend.

FRIDAY

Mrs. Andy Company will be hostess to the Viernes Bridge club at her home at 2:00 p. m.

Luncheon bridge for the Miercoles Bridge club is scheduled at the Artesia hotel at one o'clock with Mrs. Lewis Story, hostess.

Mrs. A. B. Coll will entertain the H. O. club at her home at 2:30 p. m.

The Past Noble Grand club will hold their monthly meeting with Miss Linna McCaw, hostess, at 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the hut at 2:00 p. m. Community service program under the leadership of Mrs. Roger Durand is scheduled. Mrs. J. M. Story, Mrs. Lewis Story and Mrs. Ed Paul will be co-hostesses. An initiation service for ten members is scheduled. Attendance is urged.

TUESDAY

Mrs. A. B. Coll will entertain the First afternoon Bridge club at her home at 2:00 p. m.

Members of the So So club will be entertained by Mrs. Ben Shook at the C. D. Marshall home this afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Donald MacKay, president of the Eastern New Mexico Junior College will be the guest speaker of the Woman's club at the club house at 2:30 p. m. The girls of the senior class of the high school will be guests of the club at this time. Mrs. John Lanning will be in charge of the music and Mrs. C. E. Robinson and Mrs. N. H. Cabot will be hostesses.

THURSDAY (NEXT WEEK)

The Missionary societies will meet as follows: Methodist, Mrs. Leslie Martin; Presbyterian, Mrs. V. L. Gates, Mrs. Frank Smith in charge of the program; Episcopal Guild-Auxiliary, Mrs. J. K. Wallingford, Mrs. A. T. Woods in charge of the program; Christian Women's association, Mrs. Ben Dunn, Mrs. B. E. Ballard in charge of the program; Homemakers' circle of Baptist church, covered dish luncheon and work day at church.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Members of the Christian Home Builders Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church held their third anniversary dinner and party at the church Tuesday evening. With March suggesting the social day of the Lenten season, Saint Patrick's day, the decorations were along this line. The table was centered with a huge cake decorated in green and three lighted candles commemorating this third birthday of the class. Down the center of the tables were green candles in Irish potato holders. A covered dish supper which was more than ample was served to the members present.

A ceremony was made of the cake cutting when it was time for it to be served. Mrs. Frank Smith, first president of the class, was honored by the duty of serving the cake. Following the dinner, the gentlemen of the class played Irish golf as the ladies cleared the debris of the meal away. Then various games were played by the entire party.

One guest was present for the occasion and was J. C. Burton, of

Midland, Texas. Class members were Messrs. and Mmes. James Allen, Hugh Kiddy, Frank Smith, William Linell, Russell Rogers, L. C. Reynolds, Robert Luke, Jesse Truett, H. S. Hogsett, Earl Ployhar and W. B. Collins. Also Mrs. Joe Ellis, Mrs. C. M. Eicher, the Rev. Henry Stout, John Gates and Johnny Bill Collins.

COTTONWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB

(Mrs. Henry Hall, reporter)
Mmes. Frank Newman, Jack Hall, Ernest Malone and Jess Funk were hostesses to the Cottonwood Women's club at the home of the latter last Thursday for an all day meeting.

Miss Katherine Whitechurch was in charge of the program. Mrs. Ruth Stamp of Otis was presented in a demonstration of "Italian Spaghetti" and Mrs. M. H. Bales of Otis in a demonstration of "Enchiladas," and Miss Whitechurch chose "German Noodles" as her demonstration. These dishes were prepared for the covered dish luncheon by the above named women as foreign dishes was the theme of the day's program.

Mystery boxes were given to Mrs. Orville Gray and Mrs. Clint Powell. Following the demonstrations and short business meeting of the club, a pleasant social hour was enjoyed over needle work, while Mrs. J. C. Garner entertained at the piano.

Mmes. A. J. Ramsey and J. A. Reed gave two very entertaining readings, Mrs. Ramsey giving "For the Sake of Art" by Harry Grant Dart and Mrs. Reed giving "We'll Dry the Dishes Betty" by Julia Dingerfeldt Glass.

Miss Helen James, registered consultant with the public health department, Mrs. Katherine Baker, state supervisor of nurses and Mrs. Esther Johnson, Eddy county nurse, gave very interesting talks and offered cooperation in regard to their work.

Mrs. B. E. Green was admitted as a new member. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. I. P. Johnson.

The ladies present for the meeting were: visitors, Mmes. Fred Hedrick, J. E. Garner, W. T. Halderman, Nevil Muncy of Atoka, Idos Golden, R. M. Larrison, M. H. Bales, Ruth Stamp, R. N. Thomas of Otis, Helen James, Katherine Baker of Santa Fe, Esther Johnson of Carlsbad, and members: Mmes. Tom Terry, Noah Buck, B. E. Green, J. A. Clayton, Jr., A. J. Ramsey, Charles Buck, L. C.

Brundrett, W. M. Ferguson, Clint Powell, J. A. Reed, Orville Gray, L. E. Knoedler, G. G. Golden, C. L. Parnell, V. M. Crutchfield, James Thigpen, Houston Felton, Frank Cogsdell, Henry Hall, Misses Ina Cole, Katherine Whitechurch and the hostesses.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS TO BE ENTERTAINED

On March 17th at the Legion hut the Legion boys will be the honored guests of the American Legion Auxiliary for dinner and a party following. Plans are being made for a good time at this date and the members of the Auxiliary and Legion are anticipating the event. The dinner will be at 7:00 p. m. and will be a covered dish affair. All Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are cordially invited to attend.

A number of people from this section attended a Christian Science lecture at Roswell Sunday afternoon. Among them were Miss Ella Bauslin.

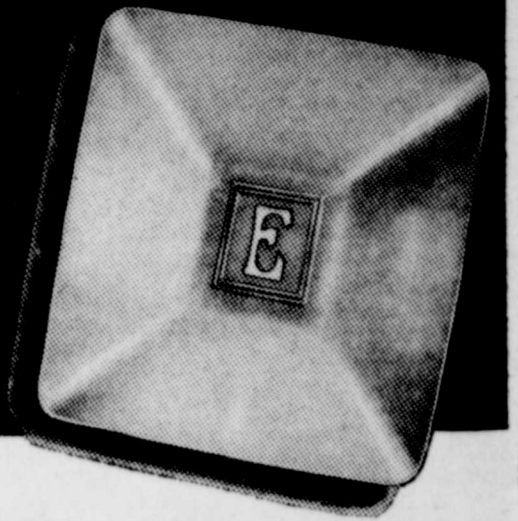
Mrs. D. K. Wagoner and two children plan to leave Friday for their home at Blue Hill, Nebraska. They have been the guests of Mrs. Wagoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin here for the past two months.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swachhammer Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Guy spent the week end in El Paso, Texas attending to business matters.

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Bulldog Flashes

(By Reno)

We break down this time and give the tournament memories such as we have:
The Bulldogs had great support from the pep club and Artesia fans. Says Major R. R. Brown, official timekeeper: "Artesia has a very peppy bunch." Meaning the pep club.
One of the most dependable but unlaureled players was Gould of Hobbs.
Coach Poe Corn of Roswell, after the Roswell-Hobbs game: "I wish Artesia had played Hobbs a good game." We laughed out loud.
Tommy Hall, Roswell guard,

plays football on the court, or so it seems. He made at least eight personal fouls before the referees sent him to the bench in the Hobbs game. Tommy fouls instinctively but continually.
We're still wondering how Goodwin of Hagerman made the district team when he played only two games. Heretofore unheard of, although Goodwin is plenty good.
Truthfully, we don't think so much of the district team. Lund of Roswell, McAdoo and Baggett of Hobbs, Chidester of Jal and Irby would be our choices.
Dunning, Jal's freshman center, made thirteen points of the thirteen made against Dexter in the first half of the Jal-Dexter game.
Half time scores of the Roswell-Hobbs and Dexter-Jal games were 13-13 and 13-13. Coincidence.
If any team deserved the sportsmanship trophy, it was Dexter, who did get it. The breaks were against them. We saw not one sign of bad sportsmanship all during the tourney.
Here are some of the vital statistics for the Bulldogs:

Artesia Opponents	
Field goals	25 28
Free throws	12 10
Fouls	22 22
Points	61 66

How Chuck White of Carlsbad can make so many points and still be so slow is a mystery.

Getting back to Artesia High school, which is now in the Central gymnasium and where noise and confusion are terrible, we have only one item to write up.
The are approximately 860 students in Central. The gym has been partitioned with plywood and a slight sound reverberates all over the place. The typing class, now in the gym, will probably be moved to the new north wing, which is also being used by the high school. The noise is not at all conducive to study but the distance from home to school is much shorter, therefore better.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vandagriff have had as their house guests over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combs of Carlsbad.

Commissioners Ask For A Court Order To Sell Old County Buildings

The Eddy county commissioners in session at Carlsbad last Thursday filed application in the Eddy county district court, seeking permission to sell the old county court house and jail. The commissioners asked the court for an order directing the sale of the old buildings at public auction and appointing appraisers "for appraising the actual cash value of the buildings and for general relief". The date of the public auction would be set by the court.
The commissioners recently went on a tour where they visited other county set towns to study plans of other county buildings.
County seats visited included Lovington, Portales, Clovis and Las Cruces.

PROTEST MEETING HELD IN ROSWELL

The advisory board of grazing district No. 6, together with the regional grazier, will convene in Roswell March 14 to March 18, inclusive. The purpose of this meeting is to hear protests to recommendations made on grazing licenses by the advisory board at its meeting held February 23 to March 1, inclusive, according to announcement made by C. F. Dierking, regional grazier for New Mexico.
This meeting will be held in the west sample room of the Gilkeson hotel.

Cottonwood Items

Reporter, Juanita Cline


Wallace Edd Mahan, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mahan, has been very ill, but is reported to be better.
John Rogers and family visited in Lamesa, Texas last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Norris' babies are ill.
Quite a number of children are ill on the Cottonwood with the whooping cough.
J. H. Felton was a business visitor in Carlsbad last week.
Ralph Hersey and mother, Mrs. Alice Hersey, Mrs. Addie Shultz and Miss Ethel Shultz were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Button Shultz, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hubbard of Vernon, Texas visited with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Montgomery last week.
Aid will meet March 16th at the home of Mrs. D. A. Bradley. Everyone come, as we expect the missionary society from Lake Arthur.
Mrs. John Stewart has been on the sick list. They live on the Wilson farm this year.
Lester Smith and Dan Elliott left Saturday for Marlow, Oklahoma on a visit to the Misses Minnie France and Johnnie Ard.
J. R. Cline and son Billie Cline were business callers in Carlsbad the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Knowles of Lake Arthur Sunday.
Quite a number of home improvements are being done on the Cottonwood.
Oscar Pearson is painting his home. H. V. Parker is building a front porch. Ralph Hersey is stuccoing his home. Monroe Howard is making adobes for a garage and wash house. Glenn O'Bannon is plastering the interior of his home and building showers and a wash house and is remodeling the basement. Bob O'Bannon is building tenant homes.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Button Shultz, with his mother, Mrs. Addie Shultz, his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Hersey and Mrs. Rebekah Locks as co-hostesses, surprised them with a lovely kitchen shower at their new home in Artesia Friday. Many pretty and useful gifts were received by the honorees.
Ralph Hersey and C. R. Cline were business visitors in Roswell Monday.

Marine Band Is President's Own

From a crude little band of fifes and drums to one of the leading military bands in the country marks the span of 140 years that has been covered by the United States Marine band. On its long march the band has virtually changed its trademark from rattlesnakes to symphonies under a score of famous leaders, including the great John Philip Sousa.
Coiled rattlesnakes were painted on the drums of the Marines who fought in the revolution. Shrill fifes screamed the call to arms for the fighting forebears of the present Marine corps. But fifes, drums and fighters faded out of the picture along with the memory of our struggle for independence.
Back came the fifes and drums when the corps was reorganized in 1798, something more melodious than the monotonous rhythm of fife and drum. With a few horns, clarinets and oboes they started along the musical trail to national fame.
In 1800 the band moved from Philadelphia to Washington when that city was only a name, and since that time has played at the inauguration of our presidents and at hundreds of national or diplomatic functions.
When Andrew Jackson was president the band played for the first egg-rolling on the White House grounds. On more solemn occasions it played the funeral dirge for Zachary Taylor, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, and has rendered honors at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
Making its bows as a symphony orchestra in 1902, it now combines the functions of both orchestra and band. Through long association with our chief executives, it has won the title of "The President's Own."
R. N. Thomas of Otis was visiting among old friends and acquaintances here Saturday.
Mrs. Roy Langston was able to return home yesterday from the Carlsbad hospital where she has been a patient for several days, following her return from a visit to California.
State Supt. and Mrs. H. R. Rodgers and family of Santa Fe drove down last week to attend to business matters and visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Box and family.
Tom Spivey of San Jose, California, for many years a resident of this community arrived Sunday to spend some time visiting relatives and old friends.
Mrs. Cash Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hightower, was called to Los Angeles by the impending major operation on her husband. Mr. Austin's condition is grave. Their home is in Farmington.
A. L. Mount left the latter part of the week for the east where he will attend to business matters. He will be gone a week or ten days.

Details Farm Plan Ready for Farmers

Printed leaflets and other information on the details of the 1938 farm program will soon be ready for distribution to the farmers of New Mexico at the offices of the county agents, and thru state and county committees, according to W. A. Wunsch, state executive secretary of the AAA.
Every effort is being made to get as much of this information as possible into the hands of cotton and tobacco producers within the next few days to give them an opportunity to study the program before voting on cotton and tobacco marketing quotas in the referendum to be held on March 12.
"The informational material will help the producers to decide for themselves, on the basis of the available facts, whether or not they favor quotas," Mr. Wunsch said.
The material being distributed includes "A New Farm Act," a leaflet summarizing the provisions of the agricultural adjustment act of 1938, and "Questions and Answers on the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as it Applies to Cotton," which directly covers important points on marketing quotas, acreage allotments, penalties, payments and loans. A bulletin on the acreage allotments, soil-building practices and rates of payment under the agricultural conservation program, which is continued and strengthened by the new farm act, is being prepared and can be obtained at the offices of the county agents within a short time.
J. G. Moutray of the Seven Rivers community was transacting business here Saturday. Mr. Moutray says his farm land has been prepared and he is ready to start planting as soon as the planting season arrives.
Miss Beulah Strang and Miss Lucille Morriss were the week end guests of Miss Morriss's sister, Mrs. Joe Massey and husband in Roswell.
Edwin Olsen of Hobbs spent the week end visiting with friends in Artesia.
Belated news has reached here of the death of James W. Sloan, president of the International Supply Company, which occurred at Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 21.



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Security Safety

Local Skeet Club Holds Opening Shoot Sunday


The Artesia Skeet and Gun club recently held their first meeting and the club was organized with an election of officers. At the official organization of the club, it was decided to hold an opening shoot last Sunday afternoon. Several out of town skeet shooters were visitors and participated in the sport. Dr. Richmond of Albuquerque was the outstanding "shot" among the visitors, who turned in a score of forty-seven straight. W. G. Gott, of Clovis,

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Growers' Assn.- (Continued from first page)

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Also an item of interest was the election of two directors. I. S. Reser was elected to succeed himself and V. L. Gates was elected to succeed Reed Brainard.

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20th-26th Wildlife Conservation Week

Governor Clyde Tingley Monday issued a proclamation setting aside the week of March 20th to 26th as "Wildlife Conservation Week." The president had previously designated this period as "National Wildlife Week."

Wm. H. Blaine of Raton is state director for the wildlife week program.

The governor emphasized the fact that wildlife conservation is an essential part of the program for conservation of natural resources. In urging cooperation in wildlife conservation, the governor said:

"I call upon the citizens of every community to give serious and intelligent thought during this period to the needs of the denizens of our forests, plains and waters, and to convert the good intentions of passive friendship into vigorous personal activity for the benefit of these wild defenseless friends of mankind."

During the week of March 20th to 26th many meetings will be held under the auspices of conservation groups throughout the state to promote a greater interest in New Mexico's greatest potential assets, wildlife.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade planed or plain stock. -The Advocate.

Criminal Docket Eddy County Dist. Court Set for April

The criminal docket of Eddy county district court for the April term was set at Carlsbad last Thursday by Judge J. B. McGhee. Several civil cases were also set.

Trials of Guillermo Bustillos, charged with larceny, R. L. Holcomb, charged with assault and Orville Westfall, charged with drunken driving are set for April 18th.

John R. Morris, charged with robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of the Bryan Drive in Grocery at Carlsbad on September 4, 1937, is set for April 19.

C. L. Burke and George Reed, charged with the theft of the H. G. Watson Ford sedan here about six weeks ago will go on trial April 19th. Also K. P. Cunningham, charged with reckless driving in connection with an auto accident in which Y. Pearson of Carlsbad was injured.

James C. Clements, charged with assault with a deadly weapon will go on trial April 20th.

Tony Carter, charged with murder in connection with the death of Ben Callen, former employe of a Carlsbad newspaper will be tried April 20th.

Among the civil suits to be heard is that of W. G. Donley of Hobbs, former Carlsbad superintendent of schools, who is suing the Carlsbad board of education for \$550 salary, allegedly unpaid. Also Clyde Slease of Carlsbad, who asks \$850 from Al Hardy, truck operator, in an accident in which Slease's car was demolished.

Thirty-six residents of the county have been called for jury service during the April term of the court. The list includes:

- R. L. Halley, J. A. Hardy, Alex McGonagill, Irvin Cox, Cy G. Bunting, George Brantley, George Skinner, Roscoe Alexander, R. C. Montgomery, Oliver Daugherty, William T. Haldeman, C. B. Altman, Willis Large, Steven L. Nowak, Wallace Anderson, R. B. Rogers, George Pixler, J. C. Neeley, Melvin Stamp. Gayle Porter, Gus M. Pierce, Lewis, Wade Cunningham, J. C. Lucas, W. A. Taylor, L. A. Rideout, J. L. James, Henry Brown, A. M. Archer, H. E. Lovett, Frank Herbold, J. C. Prude, R. R. Corbin, Harry Gilmore and Sam Williams.

Eddy County Farm News

County Agent Fred Barham reported yesterday there are now 127 4-H club members enrolled in the various clubs over the county in comparison with sixty at the same period last year. The increase is very gratifying.

Twenty-four attended the feeders day at the W. Leslie Martin farm, southeast of Artesia, last Friday. E. E. Anderson of State College discussed the construction of trench silos and the feeding of silage. W. H. Tolbert of State College discussed "feeding silage to sheep and beef cattle". Mr. Martin told of his experience in feeding silage. In the discussion, it was brought out that Mr. Martin, who last year built a trench silo, stored twenty tons of alfalfa in the silo. The alfalfa was mixed with molasses and was cut and stored while it was raining. Without the use of the trench silo the wet hay would have been lost.

Gasoline Taxes Increase Rapidly

The average motorist's annual tax bill has increased 83.8 percent during the last twelve years, according to the American Petroleum Industries committee. Per capita costs of general taxes during the same period rose only 16.8 percent.

In the statistically "normal" year of 1926 the aggregate automotive tax bill amounted to \$638,272,000, or approximately \$29.00 for each of the 22,001,383 motor vehicles then registered. All other taxes, federal, state and local, for that year came to \$7,966,728,000, or \$68.40 on a per capita basis.

In 1937, preliminary estimates indicate, motorists paid a total of \$1,580,000,000 in taxes to state, federal and local governments. The average individual share for each of the estimated 29,650,000 motor vehicles registered last year was \$53.29, or 83.8 percent above the "normal" tax of \$29.00 which motorists had to pay in 1926.

The aggregate state, federal and local tax bill-exclusive of automotive taxes-for 1937 is estimated at \$10,220,000,000, or \$79.90 per capita. This is only 16.8 percent higher than the 1926 "normal" per capita tax of \$68.40. Thus, the committee points out, automotive taxes rose five times as rapidly as general taxes.

The disproportionate rise in automotive tax costs is ascribed to

two principal factors. Federal automotive taxes, imposed in 1932 as "temporary emergency" levies, in 1937 cost motorists \$373,220,000, an average of \$12.60 per motor vehicle. The duplicating federal gasoline tax made up more than fifty percent of this cost. Since 1932 federal internal revenues have increased over 350 percent to a new all-time high. For this reason motorists feel that the continuance of federal automotive imposts on an "emergency" basis is no longer justified.

The other factor which has made for rapidly rising automotive tax costs is diversion, according to the committee. Automotive taxes originally were levied by the states to obtain revenue for highway construction and maintenance. In recent years a growing number of states has indulged in the practice of using such funds for other purposes. Consequently tax rates were increased to provide money for necessary highway improvement.

Motorists justly feel, the committee finds, that special additional taxes they have to pay should be used for no other purposes than road work. They contend that their annual aggregate tax bill should be reduced by the amount of federal taxes plus diversions. Had this been done last year their total saving in tax cost would have been \$573,220,000. This would have reduced their total tax bill from \$1,580,000,000 to \$1,006,780,000, or, on a per vehicle basis, to \$34.00.

APPRAISERS FIND NO SALVAGE

The board of appraisers appointed by District Judge James B. McGhee, to appraise the valuation of the old court house at Carlsbad met yesterday and after inspecting the building found that the salvage in the building was worth little or nothing and that

the salvage obtained from the building would not offset the cost of razing the structure. The board of appraisers was composed of Joe Wertheim and Harold Miller of Carlsbad and Tom Hefflin of Artesia.

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