

WORLD NEWS
—in—
BRIEF FORM

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

Add another modern note to streamlining. The Salvation Army, which brought doughnut and doughboy together in 1917, is making doughnuts with 'star-shaped holes.

The music may go 'round and 'round in the nickel music boxes, but it'll take a sales tax token to start it off—if someone can figure out a means of collection. The Missouri House put nickelodians and pinball games under the 2 per cent sales tax. But they forgot to say how the tax could be collected.

Rain poured down, but Lester Harding and Bernie Shaner managed to keep dry by carefully ducking under awnings in Kansas City. Then a sprinkling truck passed, faucets going full blast. (Several words censored).

"My boss wants me to pick up his new car," said the stranger, wearing a chauffeur's cap, as he seated himself in an expensive sedan at an automobile company salesroom in Chicago. Then he nonchalantly drove off, with a wave to the attendants. Now the people are trying to find the car for its real owner. They are looking for a chauffeur, too.

Low-flying game wardens counted 9,500 antelope in South Dakota's first airplane antelope census, but found only forty-five in the thirteen-square-mile state reserve. No one was much excited, for it had been discovered shortly after a \$60,000 fence was built around the reserve many years ago that antelope liked it better outside. Eight-foot of wire was no barrier. Antelope crawled under the fence instead of jumping it like deer or elk. They always do, Game Warden J. W. Cluet says.

The day after he got home from four years in the Navy, Malcolm E. Bynmaster of Richmond, Ind., 23, was drafted to be inducted into the Army in May. He said he might as well go. "It's just one of those things," he remarked.

There is rejoicing in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Silber—Rover's home—in Chicago. Rover, a collie, disappeared three and a half years ago. No trace was found until the Silbers drove to the home of a daughter and there

Tons of Propaganda Destroyed



San Francisco—Tons of foreign propaganda, pamphlets and circulars seized from incoming liners from across the Pacific were destroyed at the San Francisco post office. Here postal employees are sending to the furnace a batch of 17½ tons of the material. According to Postmaster William McCarthy, it has been arriving at a rate of 3 or 4 tons per steamer, three steamers per week, the origins being Russia, Japan and Germany.

found bedraggled Rover. The Silbers had moved since the dog's disappearance and his owners theorized that, unable to locate their new residence, 11-year-old Rover went to the daughter's home which he had known in his younger days.

At Helena, Mont., Shari Surman, 2, became locked in an upstairs room. Her mother, alarmed, called firemen. Big Richard Coe, assistant chief, soon reached the child, forced the door. But Shari was adamant. "An' piggy back," she insisted. So back down the ladder went Coe, Shari on his shoulders.

The little "China Doll" displayed a cast for the first time in four months—and that's a long interval for 7-year-old Clara Hall of Towanda, Pa., to be without any broken bones. The child has an ailment which causes exceptional brittleness of bones. She has suffered thirty-seven fractures. The other day she fell from a rocking chair. Her left arm snapped.

When two men snatched her mother's purse, Loretta Egan of Chicago ran after them, shouting: "You'll be sorry! My father is a policeman!" Whereupon, the pair dropped the purse, its contents intact, and fled down an alley. Loretta wasn't fooling either. Her father is a police captain.

Having learned to spell Anton Christoforidis, boxing writers now must warm up on George Giambastiani, Pacific Coast heavyweight.

"If it wasn't for the law I would have had a quail." By persuasive calling, Theodore Waltheis of East St. Louis, Ill., said, he lured a quail from a nearby field nearly

to the door of his office. "The bird was just a few feet from me when I remembered the quail season is closed," Waltheis explained, "so I quit calling and the quail flew away."

Judge Leslie I. George of Kansas City is fed jim with his get up. He fairly jumps from his chair when he decides to rise. The reason is that friction of his clothing on his new leather chair generates static electricity. He says the sensation of getting up is getting him down.

At Lancaster, Pa., making the most of a visit to the courthouse, Christian H. Brooks, 60, of West Willow, and Anna L. Hoffmeier, 32, of near Lancaster, obtained: A license to wed, fishing permits, a dog license. Brooks, who had twelve children by his first wife before her death two years ago, said the wedding would be "very soon."

About the only place Oscar would be safe in a cell, and he might chew his way out of that. He was blamed for eating away most of a wooden pole that supported a shed at the livestock pound in Dallas. The shed was nearing collapse. Overseer P. O. Davis ordered an auction to clear the pound of its inhabitants—all goats. Oscar's four pals brought \$4.65. Oscar, with his weakness for wood, was sold down the river for 35 cents.

Steam shovel watchers can keep on watching. A fence enclosing an excavation for the Union Square underground garage in San Francisco will have special windows at all corners. Sidewalk kibitzers

Law Repeal Will Not Affect the Exams Program

Repeal of the state merit system commission by the Legislature will in no way affect the program of examinations previously announced by the merit system council, Philip H. DuBois, acting supervisor, disclosed.

The federal-aid state agencies, the Departments of Public Health and Public Welfare and the unemployment compensation commission, will continue to recruit personnel as previously. Before these agencies can receive federal grants of money, they must comply with certain regulations set up in Washington. One of these conditions is

were all smiles when they heard the plans.

Golfer Jim Henchey gave the ball such a healthy swat it was lost in the gathering dusk at Salt Lake City. He looked until it was too dark to see. Crossing the green on his way to the clubhouse, he discovered the pellet in the cup. "An eagle two on a 398-yard hole, and I didn't get to see it!" he ranted.

Orfordville, Wis., taverns may sell hard liquor, but not beer. In a referendum residents voted 121 to 113 against sale of beer but approved sale of hard liquor, 126 to 121.

Mrs. Florence Delisle marched into St. Paul police headquarters. Her complaint was that she had bought a canary—a male bird. She paid \$3 for it. But it laid an egg. Speculated the officer as he considered what to do—if it wasn't a male bird, it was certainly a very clever trick.

Love may be blind, but Judge Harvey L. Neelen of Milwaukee believes a fifteen-minute courtship is no excuse for running through a traffic light. When Richard Lawrence, 33, a Detroit truck driver, appeared before Judge Neelen on a charge of passing a red light he explained that he and Dorothy Gerber, 19, Hammond, Ind., met, fell in love and became engaged—all within fifteen minutes after he gave her a "lift" in his truck. "I didn't see the light at all," Lawrence said. "I don't approve of your rapid courtship," said the judge. "Five dollars and costs."

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

A FOUNDING FATHER OF PREPAREDNESS.

HIS GIN HAD MADE COTTON KING—BUT PAID HIM NOTHING TILL YEARS LATER, IN 1812.

BACK IN NEW HAVEN

HE GOT SOME FRIENDS TO INVEST, AND BUILT A FACTORY FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE. IT SEEMED A FLAT FAILURE, BUT EVENTUALLY HIS INITIATIVE, PATIENCE AND ENTERPRISE PROVED OUT.



IN THIS FACTORY MASS PRODUCTION—

INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS—FOUNDATION STONES OF MODERN INDUSTRY AND TODAY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE WERE BOTH DEVELOPED BY ELI WHITNEY.— BY 1806 HE PRODUCED 10,000 MUSKETS WITH EACH LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL INTERCHANGEABLE.

that there must be a merit system in the agencies, supported wholly or in part by federal funds. Last year these federal grants amounted to roughly a million dollars. Rather than stop this aid, the state will continue civil service in the above agencies. The examinations for interviewer, visitor, case worker in training, graduate nurse, senior stenographer, stenographer and duplicating machine operator will be given as scheduled. Applications must be made on the official blank on or before April 21. Although the action of the Legislature, if approved by the governor, will cut down the positions in

the state service which enjoy the protection of civil service, nevertheless a substantial number of such jobs are still available. Last year more than 125 people received employment through the merit system council. All these, as well as those previously in service and those appointed as a result of these new examinations, will continue in the same status as before. Miss Catherine Filbert, a nurse in Southwestern Hospital in El Paso, spent the Easter vacation with her mother, Mrs. G. C. Kinder, and Mr. Kinder.

FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX COLLECTIONS JUMP UP

Federal gasoline tax collections in February stood at \$28,785,830, an increase of more than \$10,000,000 over the \$18,392,568 collected in February, 1940, reports from the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue indicate.

The rate of the federal gasoline tax was increased by 50 per cent on July 1, 1940, which accounts chiefly for the big expansion in revenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaymon Reed and children of Deming visited Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gray, during the Easter holidays.

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Senator Smith Slips Over New Law for Fair Representation

While most of the lobbyists were busy lobbying, the newspapermen were story-hunting elsewhere, and the politicians were politicking to beat the Devil, a little resolution slipped quietly through the State Legislature up at Santa Fe just before they kissed the boys goodbye at the state capital Saturday, The Carlsbad Current-Argus relates.

And that measure, known to the clerks, statisticians and other pencil-pushers as House Joint Resolution No. 11, bids fair to change the status of operating O Fair New Mexico like it has never been changed in its thirty-odd years existence, The Argus continues.

Moreover, from Eddy County's point of view, it's about the most important bit of business to get by the upstate bill-busters in the entire fifteenth session.

The resolution puts before the people of the state, either at the next regular election, or at any special election called in the meantime, the question of whether or not the state shall be so divided as to give each county one senator, and one representative for every 11,000 population—but not more than five representatives in all.

It's such an innocent little measure that nobody paid much attention to it—possibly because the lobbyists are mostly "furriners" anyhow, and the newspapermen are all youngsters—but it's important enough that Senator Milton Smith, back in Carlsbad, is chuckling gleefully to himself every time he thinks of it.

About thirty years ago, in the days when "it took guts to be a Democrat in New Mexico," as the senator puts it, a powerful Republican legislature put through the districting measure which has

since defied all efforts for change. The idea was that, by the system, a handful of politicians could control the senate, which naturally meant that such a minority bloc would hold the whip hand over every bill to come before the legislature.

Under the present "shoestring" system, for instance, San Miguel County presumably has only one senator—but actually that county controls three senatorial votes because it helps elect the Mora and Guadalupe senators on a split vote basis. Actually, the powerful San Miguel political machine elects all three senators.

The same thing is true of Bernalillo County, which elects its own senator and the one from San Juan. Colfax picks its man and then puts over the Harding and Union County senators. Socorro actually has a hand in the choice of three senators—and there's still another combination.

But right there are eleven senators, controlled by four counties. With only twenty-four in the state, those ten men need only to grab off a couple of friendly sympathizers, and we be the Senate bill they oppose!

It doesn't take the faculties of an Indian medicine man to figure out why, under those circumstances, Eddy and Lea Counties have been carrying the burden of the school financing of the state for many a year. By the same system, any legislation which favors this part of the state, but is opposed to the north, is quietly chloroformed at the capital.

Under the new districting plan, on which the state will vote, Eddy County will get two representatives—and Eddy will elect both of them, instead of pairing with Lea County in the mele. Lea will get a pair of representatives, too, and each county will elect its own senator, instead of combining to name one.

If the people vote in the system, for the first time since statehood, every county in New Mexico will have equal power in the senate, and the house will be set up on a population basis, also for the first time.

The resolution has been up before, but always killed. This time, the upstaters were a bit too busy with killing the merit system and fighting the primary to notice—and Senator Smith did a little plain and fancy finagling.

Due to the lack of controversy, when the bill hit the senate, the vote was tied at 12-all, and the ballot of Lieut.-Gov. Quintana would have been the deciding factor—and the lieutenant-governor hails from San Miguel! So Smith and Senator Claude Gamble, his partner in the big push, got busy. They asked for re-consideration of the vote, and the opposition, thinking it was a cinch to be killed, agreed.

Smith and Gamble promptly "put the bee" on a pair of senators who were due to get their support on other matters, while the repeat rollcall was being started—and their salesmanship was convincing enough to make the vote 14-10 when the "reconsideration" was finished. It was the first time in the history of New Mexico that such a measure had slipped by that eleven-senator-plus blockade!

Passage in the House, where the four-county bloc is not nearly so potent, was a comparative cinch, and the governor's signature will

Cottonwood Items (Ora Buck)

Bryant Williams, rancher of near Hope, was a business visitor on Cottonwood Monday afternoon.

The Cottonwood school children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the school Friday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon a large group of Cottonwood people enjoyed an egg hunt at the school.

Mrs. J. B. Alexander of this community has been on the sick list for several days. Mrs. J. L. Taylor of here accompanied her to Carlsbad Saturday, where she consulted a doctor.

Mrs. H. B. Worley and Mrs. U. E. Culbert of here accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Buster Knowles to Oklahoma City, to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles will go on to Rochester, Minn., where he will go through the Mayo Clinic.

Mrs. Jesse I. Funk of Cottonwood, who has been ill, returned home from Roswell, where she had been taking treatments from an ear specialist. She is very much improved. Mr. Funk has returned home from Santa Fe and will remain at home for a while.

Mrs. D. C. Hobbs of Malaga, mother of Mrs. John Buck of here, is in a very serious condition, suffering from a heart attack, and is in a hospital in Carlsbad. Mrs. Jess Rogers of Weed and Mrs. Pinky Adames of Matador, Tex., arrived last week end to be with their mother.

Mrs. A. D. Smith of Cottonwood was hostess at a delightful party and stork shower Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home, honoring Mrs. John Gibson. Games were played throughout the afternoon. A beautiful array of dainty gifts was presented the honoree. The season's theme was also reflected in decoration of the home and in delicious refreshments served to about twenty persons.

Mrs. James Thigpen entertained the Cottonwood-Woman's Club at her home in Artesia Tuesday afternoon. A demonstration on making cornbreads was of much interest to members and visitors. At that time several made beads. Mrs. E. B. Green will entertain the club at her home May 1. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

put it before the people next election.

And there'll be no question about how the state's "orphan children"—the counties of this section—will vote when the election rolls around!

Nearly \$6,000,000 Is Spent on New Mexico Airports

Area Termed "Strategic" by State Coordinator G. D. Macy

The government's expenditures on New Mexico airport expansions were said last week to have reached nearly \$6,000,000, and one official expressed belief the sum would reach \$10,000,000 "before the end of summer."

The figures were quoted by G. D. Macy, state airport coordinator, who credited the comparatively heavy expenditures in the state to three factors: "First, we went out and got it; second, New Mexico is an important strategic area in the nation's air defense; third, we have year-round flying weather."

More than half the \$5,766,000 in airport construction now in sight has been completed or is under way. The largest single project is the Albuquerque bomber base, \$1,700,000, with more money expected to be made available there.

Estimated expenditures for airports now under construction at Las Vegas, Roswell and Carlsbad were \$462,000, \$261,000 and \$229,000, respectively.

A \$548,000 project is to start soon at Santa Fe, with a \$220,000 job scheduled for Deming.

Macy said also that the Army has allotted \$325,000 for another port as yet undesignated. Another \$1,500,000 has been earmarked for straight WPA port construction now under way at Clovis, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Farmington, Lordsburg and Gallup.

In addition, the Civilian Aeronautics board has allotted approximately \$500,000 for the lengthening and improvement of runways on emergency fields at Tucumcari, Anton Chico, Engle, Playas and Columbus.

State highway engineering crews now are completing surveys of sites at Raton, Clayton, Carrizozo and Alamogordo, while Silver City is undertaking a municipally backed project after voting \$25,000 in bonds for its sponsor's share.

W. D. Burks, assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Company store, is in Albuquerque this week attending a school for window trimming, being conducted Monday through Friday.

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Baby Missing at Own Birth



Winter, Wis.—This is the amazing story of Mrs. Grace Armstrong, 35, who was being taken by Dr. H. A. Smith to the hospital for confinement when the doctor's car became stalled in a snowdrift. Mrs. Armstrong under opiates was transferred to another car and rushed to the delivery room of the hospital where it was found the baby was missing. Sheriff August Zierer, at the time, called the hospital and told Dr. Smith to hurry back to his stalled car, where he found a farmer, Joseph Siefert, with the baby whom he had found in the snow. Upon examination the baby was found to have suffered no ill effects.

Report Predicts Banner Year for Livestock Ranges

Exceptionally Good Moisture Conditions Shown by Ag Department

A banner year for New Mexico was reported by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture in its monthly report of livestock ranges, declaring prospects at this time are the best in years due to exceptionally good moisture conditions.

Precipitation, both snow and rain, came in above-normal quantities during March in most localities in the state, and for the state as a whole was three times normal.

Prospects for early green feed were termed encouraging due to the fact old range is getting short. Weeds are up in southern counties and grass coming on, although in the northeast stockmen are still shipping in bundle feed.

The condition of the ranges was reported at 86 per cent, exceptionally high as compared with 80 per cent last month and 81 per cent on the average for the last ten years.

Cattle came through the winter in "exceptionally strong condition" the report said, and losses have

been light. Some weight was lost during the cold wet weather of late March, but there are prospects of a good calf season.

The demand for cattle is good, with higher prices and very few head for sale.

Sheep and lambs, like cattle, came through the winter in excellent shape and have lost less weight than usual for this time of the year. Ewes were reported in strong condition and prospects good for another large lamb crop.

Activity in wool contracting has been light, the report said.

STATE GASOLINE TAXES EXCEED PAYROLL LEVIES

State gasoline taxes, paid mostly by persons earning less than \$30 a week, in 1940 exceeded all state revenue from social security and unemployment compensation payroll taxes, according to the American Petroleum Industries Committee. Motor vehicle registration fees in 1940 amounted to slightly less than half of the state gasoline taxes.

Revenue of the states from income taxes, paid chiefly by persons having incomes of more than \$30 a week, was only a third of the amount collected from state automotive levies.

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