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Better Roads In Spotlight Of Safety Talks

Recommendations aimed at reducing the sweep of death's sickle on New Mexico roads numbered 44 at the Region 2 governor's traffic safety coordinating committee meeting held Thursday in Artesia High School auditorium.

The meeting here was one in a series. Others were at Clovis, Dec. 5, and at Alamogordo, Friday.

Eddy, Chaves, and Lea are the counties of Region 2.

In the list of 44 recommendations engineering led the field with 14; local activities, three; education and legislation, two each; and courts had a single.

The assembly opened at 9 a. m. and continued into the afternoon with high school pupils in the audience in the afternoon, at which time a safety motion picture was shown and a talk made by Capt. Al Hathaway, Santa Fe, New Mexico police. Hathaway stressed common sense and courtesy.

Attendance at the meeting was 46, not counting the high school portion of the audience.

Engineering— Suggestions of this section, headed by Roy Tynor of Roswell, were the most numerous of all. (Continued on Page Eight)

Dance Program Shown 20-30 Club

Dances by three members of Grupo Imperial and songs with guitar accompaniment by Saul M. Gonzales, were featured on the program of the 20-30 Club at its meeting Thursday night in the Sombbrero Room of the Veterans building.

The program followed supper in Cliff's Cafeteria.

Seven dances were performed by the trio composed of Joe Jimenez, 321 1/2 West Main; Dora Linna Orona of Atoka; and Mrs. James Balsano of Roswell. Six of the numbers were duets, one a solo by Miss Orona.

Between dance sets Gonzalez sang Mexican and American songs with guitar accompaniment.

Songs included: "Adios Marquita Lida," "Because of You," "On the Sunny Side of the Street," "Again," and "I Apologize."

Gonzales is a vocalist, student in Roswell High School, sings at night clubs, and was with a Roswell dance band.

Attendance at the program was 21.

Dances presented were: Mexican Hat Dance, Jimenez and Mrs. Balsano; Entran en Ayunas, Jimenez and Mrs. Balsano; La Bamba, Mexican Polka, and two tango dances, Jimenez and Miss Orona. The solo selection was Las Chapaneacas by Miss Orona.

Attending: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Wickersham, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Don DeMars, Mr. and Mrs. John Sudderth, Ted DeMars, Mary Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jimenez, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Balsano, Saul M. Gonzales, Dora Linna Orona, and Harry Singer.

Memorial Fund Gives 22 Books To Local Library

Purchase of 22 books for pre-school and beginning readers by the Artesia Public Library was made known this week by Mrs. Donald Knorr, librarian.

The books were paid for from funds donated by friends in memory of Mike Ferguson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson, whose death occurred six months ago.

Names of the books and authors: Ten Little Foxhounds, C. Gifford Ambler; Noisy Clock Shop, Jean Berg; Bingy-Bangy School Bus, Fleur Conkling; Wynken, Blynken and Nod, Eugene Field; Prayer For Child, Rachel Field; Wagtail Bess, Marjorie Flack; Scuttlebug Goes to War, Dwight Follett; Cowboy Small, Day's Day; Now It's Fall, Now It's Winter, all by Lois Lenski; Make Way For Ducklings, Robert McCloskey; Story of the Sandman, Caroline Mallon.

Egg Tree, Katherine Milhous; Little Taxi That Hurried, Lucy Mitchell; Sassy Baggy Elephant, B. and B. Jackson; Randolph, the Bear Who Said No, Faith Nelson; Bobby and His Airplanes, Helen Palmer.

Box With the Red Shoes, M. and M. Petersham; Sun Up and White Snow, Bright Snow, both by Alvin Tresselt; Little Golden Books of Word and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Presbyterian Choir to Sing "The Nativity"

In a seven-part program, the choir of the First Presbyterian Church will present its Christmas cantata at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, Fourth and Grand.

Title is "The Nativity," written by Roger C. Wilson. Dr. D. M. Schenberg will be narrator. Organ music will be played by Shirley O'Dell while the violinist will be Mrs. Howard Whitson.

Organ and violin will join in the playing of Christmas carols. Then will follow Gruber's "Christmas Lullaby" and the processional, "Reading's 'Adeste Fideles.'" Parts of the cantata, in order: The Prophecy, The Annunciation, Bethlehem, The Shepherds, At the Manger, The Wise Men, and Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

Director of the choir is Mrs. M. C. Ross.

Area Housing Talk Conducted At County Seat

Latest angle on the designation of the Artesia-Carlsbad sector as a critical defense housing area was a conference held in the county seat at which Edward G. Robertson, of Albuquerque, director of the Federal Housing Administration talked with landlords and other businessmen.

Apparently no one from Artesia was notified of the session or asked to participate.

Housing and home finance agency has announced approval of 75 rental and 225 "sales units" in the county.

Credit restrictions on housing will be suspended, more liberal federal housing insurance allowed and the federal national mortgage association will commit itself to 1.2x over mortgages if necessary.

The 300 houses are to be built for potash and chemical company employees. Fifty are to be two-bedroom size, with a top rental of \$70 a month; 25 three or more bedrooms, \$80 a month top.

The 225 "sales units" will include 150 two bedroom houses selling at a maximum of \$8000; 75 of three or more bedrooms, \$9000.

Control— The hot potato of rent control was a part of the discussion in Carlsbad. Robertson made only a general statement saying that "rent control has followed the pattern of defense housing areas and that almost at once after an area is so designated the process of establishing rent control is started."

O. J. Dowling took a stand opposing rent control. The talk veered into the question of withdrawing from defense housing status if rent control goes with it.

On the other side of the picture, F. O. Davis, owner of 60 rent houses, expressed willingness "to take my chances on it (rent control)."

Artesia Police Work Described On Radio Program

Presentation of a life membership in the Federal Rangers, with the rank of lieutenant, and answers to questions about Artesia were among the contents of a network radio show originating from Phoenix, Ariz., featuring Earl Westfall, chief of the Artesia Police Department.

Chief Westfall explained the work of the department and how it handles juvenile cases.

Among questions about Artesia in general were some about oil exploration in this area.

Also appearing on the program, which was entitled, "The Ranger Show," and was carried by the Liberty Broadcasting System, were four boys and girls who performed some musical numbers.

Among them was a seven-year-old boy who sang a song and played the guitar, a nine-year-old girl who sang, and eight-year-old twins who performed on the accordion.

Following the broadcast, Chief and Mrs. Westfall were taken on (Continued on Page Eight)

Loco Hills School To Stage Open House

Celebrating the completion of their new school building residents of Loco Hills will hold an open house pot-luck covered-dish supper at 6:15 p. m. Friday at the school, located 25 miles east of Artesia on New Mexico Road 83.

Vernon R. Mills, Artesia elementary schools supervisor, said the new school building was finished a week ago. Teachers at the school are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruce.

Russell Gooden Dies at Home South of Artesia

Russell Gordon Gooden, a resident of Eddy County since 1926, died at 10 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in his home eight miles southeast of Artesia.

Mr. Gooden was a native of West Virginia, born in that state July 19, 1901.

He married Johnnie Ramuz Jan. 25, 1932, in Lovington.

Besides the widow he is survived by a brother, two sisters, and by a former marriage, a son.

Brother is Clyde of Medina, Ohio; sisters, Mrs. William Alexander, Lodi, Ohio, and Mrs. J. J. York, Azusa, Calif.; son, Robert, Philadelphia.

Mr. Gooden was a rancher and farmer.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Paulin Funeral Home.

Funeral Rites Of Mrs. Muller To Be Tomorrow

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. tomorrow for Mrs. Jesse P. Muller, 55, of Roswell, sister of Mrs. Nellie Jones of Artesia, who died early yesterday morning at St. Mary's hospital in Roswell.

Services will be said in Westrum Chapel in Roswell with Rev. Allen Johnson, pastor of the First Christian Church officiating. Members of the choir of the Church of Christ will sing. Interment will be in South Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Muller was born Feb. 27, 1896, in Vernon, Texas. She and her husband, who preceded her in death 12 years ago, moved to Roswell in 1927, where Mr. Muller was engaged in farming.

They later moved to Artesia and Lake Arthur. Mrs. Muller moved back to Roswell recently to make her home with her brother, Leo Lockhart, at 1804 North Washington, after being in ill health for the last two years.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Lottie Lockhart, Lake Arthur, two daughters, three sisters, three brothers, and six grandchildren.

Daughters are Mrs. Gladys Newbaker, Monroe, Ore., and Mrs. Lottie Walker, Pomona, Calif.

Sisters are Mrs. Nellie Jones, Artesia; Mrs. Irene Gore, Soper, Okla.; and Mrs. Lorraine Peck, Tucson, Ariz.

Brothers are Jack and Frank Lockhart, both of Lake Arthur, and Lee Lockhart of Roswell.

Wooton Funeral Rites Pending

Mrs. Ella E. Wooton, 81, died at 8:30 a. m. yesterday in Artesia General Hospital.

She had been a resident of Artesia for the last two decades.

Mrs. Wooton was born Oct. 3, 1870 in Little Rock, Ark.; married William B. Wooton Jan. 6, 1887. The couple came to New Mexico in 1904 settling in Quay County.

Mr. Wooton died in March, 1923.

The couple was the parents of 10 children, seven of whom are living. Sons are Z. I., Artesia; I. F., Maljamar; P. B., Santa Fe; A. M., B. and Joe, all of Albuquerque; daughter, Mrs. Andy Company, 101 North Sixth, Artesia, with whom Mrs. Wooton had made her home.

Other survivors are 14 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Wood, San Angelo and Mrs. Joe Artzman, Coolidge, Ariz. and one brother, Jess Bowles, Watertown, N. Y.

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Humble Official Sees South Eddy As Petrol Center

Expansion of oil activity in Eddy and Lea counties is likely to center in the Delaware Basin in the south part of Eddy county, Morgan J. Davis, vice-president in charge of exploration for Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston, revealed recently.

Davis, speaking at the convention of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, said New Mexico has finds itself in the same position today that West Texas was in 15 years ago.

Deeper wells will play a prominent role in increased production. Expansion may be held back somewhat by shortages of oil field equipment and the question of fair and equitable taxes, according to Davis.

Safety Council Sparked Regional Safety Conference

A leading part in the tri-county safety parley held Thursday at Artesia High School was played by the recently revamped Artesia Safety Council.

The council, under the chairmanship of Elwood Kaiser, has been concerned with safety programs in the Artesia area for some time.

It was reorganized a month ago. Council members are Elwood Kaiser, president; Hugh Kiddy, treasurer; F. L. Green, schools; H. C. Schimmel, industrial; Mrs. Naomi Votaw, public health.

Artesian Trumpeter in Noel Concert



A trumpet trio, playing "Three Trumpeters" by Binum will be featured at a Christmas concert in Portales by the Eastern New Mexico University concert band, directed by Floren Thompson. The program will be Thursday, Dec. 13, 8 p. m., in the University theatre. Members of the trio are, left to right, Glenn Elliott, Eunice; Norvil Howell, Artesia and Joyce Laing, Chariton, Iowa.

Presbyterian Youth Rally Sets Record

A 22-by-30-inch photograph of Hoffman's painting, "Christ in Gethsemane" was presented to a 26-member delegation from Hobbs at a youth rally sponsored by the Artesia chapter of the Westminster Fellowship, held in Artesia on Sunday.

The photo was presented to the Hobbs group for having travelled the furthest distance in coming to the meeting. The Hobbs delegation collectively covered 2340 passenger miles.

Making the presentation was Rev. Ralph L. O'Dell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Artesia.

The rally, which was attended by 111 persons from Artesia, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Roswell, and surrounding areas, featured a tripartite discussion on "The Meaning of Christmas for Today."

The parts of the discussion dealt with the meaning Christ's coming for the individual, the church and the world.

Discussion leaders were: Rev. Homer Tegler, Roswell; Rev. J. Samuel Willis, Carlsbad; and Rev. Roger Wallace of Dexter.

The moderator was Bill Payne of Roswell, who was assisted by Reverend Wallace, who is youth advisor for the Dexter group.

Also on the program was a brief address by Rev. Ralph L. O'Dell on the subject, "Christmas Is A Time for Giving Rather Than Receiving."

Reverend O'Dell discussed the notion that "it is more blessed to give than to receive as applied to friendship, family life, community welfare, and world brotherhood."

Eight Towns—

The attendance at the meeting, which was 111, was the largest for a youth rally held in the Pecos Valley Presbytery since its inception.

The Presbytery comprises the towns of Artesia, Alamogordo, Dexter, Hobbs, Hagerman, Eunice, Carlsbad, and Roswell.

Following the business session, the group enjoyed a ranch-style meal consisting of hot dogs with chili sauce, pork and beans, potato salad, pie, coffee, and cold drinks, prepared by eight girls of the Artesia group.

Heading the kitchen crew was Corrine Allen. Members were Pat Johnson, Kay Ingram, Georgia (Continued on Page Eight)

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Episcopal Parish Outlines Program

The role of the church in this modern age and plans for the coming year were discussed at the annual parish dinner put on by members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church last Thursday night.

Keynoting the meeting was Rev. Ralph Channon, pastor, who said the church must meet modern needs and that what was good enough for our parents and grandparents was no longer sufficient today.

He pointed out that only four of every 10 persons are Christians and that not all these are active. Therefore missionary efforts of Episcopalians should be directed towards Christianizing those outside the fold, rather than raiding other denominations.

To accomplish goals on the local scene two things are needed; the obtaining of a resident clergyman and the building of a new church.

The first of these objectives is in sight with a deacon due to come to Artesia in June.

Progress towards the second objective is being made with one-third of the money necessary for a new building collected to date.

A new church is needed so the present building can be used for Sunday School work, which lacks adequate facilities and antiquated teaching materials in Artesia, as elsewhere.

In this connection Reverend Channon pointed out that a Christian is expected to learn all about the church in a period of five days, while he spends 12 years on the average learning about the material world.

Budget needs for the coming year were outlined by Bill Wright, church secretary, who said several members are still delinquent in making their pledges.

Wright pointed out that the new budget, postulating a resident full time clergyman, calls for \$2200 more than last year's, and that the (Continued on Page Eight)

Artesia Chest Fund Reaches Halfway Mark

Artesia's Community Chest Drive opened its fourth week Monday in a drive for \$9480, having collected about 50 per cent of the total.

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Snow Replaces Dust as Artesia Waits for Santa

Appearance of Christmas which is only 13 days away, was heralded by snow which fell in Artesia Friday and Saturday.

Friday's snow measured four inches and contained .15 inches of moisture. It was accompanied by colder weather, with the temperature dropping to 28 degrees Friday night.

By 3:15 p. m. Saturday a slight warming up had taken place with the temperature reading 40 degrees at that time, following the falling of some more snow that morning.

The warming up was evidenced by the fact that small chunks of snow could be seen falling off the trees during the day.

Adding a Christmas-like atmosphere to Friday's snow, music could be heard emanating from the loudspeaker recently set up atop the Carper Building.

Friday's snow was the first snow to fall in Artesia since Nov. 1, when 24 inches of snow, rain, and sleet fell, and the first precipitation of any kind since Nov. 24, when a trace was reported.

While some Artesians may have thought it was cold Friday night, the temperature lacked a lot of breaking any records. Coldest ever recorded in Artesia was minus 35 degrees on Feb. 7, 1933.

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This year's wishes included a green hat, some clothes, a little knife, a watch, and a bottle of lotion.

One of the Artesia senders, Sharon Taylor, seems to be an aspiring ballet dancer, for her wishes for this year include a ballet dress and ballet shoes.

Sharon, who says she is eight years old and in the third grade at Central School, also wants a bicycle, a rocking horse, and "anything else you would like to bring me."

Another Central School pupil writing to Santa is Terry Taylor, Route 1, who wants a bicycle, a toy tank, and "lots of other things." If Santa thinks he has been a good boy.

Terry is six years old and in the first grade.

Mass Production—

Four members of the Davis family of 405 Bush Street pooled their resources and wrote two letters to Santa between them.

First one comes from Ann who says she just started to school and wants a toy piano.

Harold Lee Davis wants a little tractor and informs Santa that he has a little brother one year old.

Stanley tells Santa about his four-year-old brother and asks for a tricycle.

Bettie Jean, only member of the quartet to give her age, says she is nine years old and in the third grade. She asks Santa for a dress.

Multiple letters to Santa come from the Feezel family, where Janet, aged 5, asks Santa for a doll bed, a doll and a stroller and a teddy bear.

Six-year-old Tommy Lynn is going western and wants a Gene Autrey cowboy suit and a red hat.

Wants a Bugle—

Request for a basketball, roller skates, telescope, bugle and BB gun is contained in a letter from Eddie Guy, who says he is eight years old and gives his address as 906 West Texas.

A boy who signs his name merely as Tommy uses art to express his Christmas wishes.

The letter contains a crayon drawing of a train and a dog.

Requests for things Santa should bring to their parents as well as to themselves are contained in a letter from twins, who give their address as 912 West Washington, but do not list their names.

A radio photograph is what the twins want Santa to bring their folks.

For themselves they want a doll with hair that can be braided, a blackboard and a doctor and nurse set.

Karen, who says she is living (Continued on Page Six)

Million Dollar Loan Granted Artesia Co-op

Expansion of the service given by Central Valley Electric Cooperative is due to result from approval of a million dollar loan to the organization from the Rural Electrification Administration.

Paul L. Frost, local manager, said the improvement would be "extending present lines to service more people," said one of the areas would be west of Hagerman, and there would also be new power lines east of Artesia, at Loco Hills and the oil field.

Already the concern has 700 miles of line.

"There is a big demand on the cooperative now to serve oil wells," Frost said. He cautioned, however, that even though money is "available, we probably will not be able to proceed with the work as fast as we would like to see it done on account of the shortage of material."

The appropriation also includes improving the cooperative building at 115 West Quay, here a new office and vault has been added, interior repainted.

The Artesia Advocate first received notice of REA approval of the loan in a telegram from Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, dated Dec. 7.

Postal Windows Extend Hours For Christmas

SOCIETY

Presbyterian Women Hostess To Four Groups

The Presbyterian Women's Association was hostess at the parish hall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 6, to members of the Christian Women Fellowship of the First Christian Church, St. Paul Episcopal Auxiliary, and W.F.M.S. of the Nazarene Church for a Christmas program presented by the Artesia Story League, under the direction of Mrs. Owen Haynes.

The program opened with a carol sung by the Artesia High School chorus, under the direction of H. O. Miller, the program featured the Christmas story, "The Littlest Orphan and the Christ Baby," by Margaret Sangster, told by Mrs. Haynes.

Background music for the close of the story was provided by the chorus with the selection, "The Song of Mary." Following the devotional, given by Mrs. H. O. Miller, the program closed with the chorus singing, "Ring Christmas Bells," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The tea table was centered with a statuette of the Madonna, surrounded by blue Christmas bells covered with angel hair and blue candles. Mrs. V. L. Allen and Mrs. Mary Gilbert presided over the silver service.

Individual cake, nuts, tea and coffee was served to 80 persons.

Home Decoration Topic of Program Of Alpha Lambda

"Decorating Your Home Today," was the program presented by Mrs. Ernest Houy at a meeting of Alpha Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, in the home of Mrs. Harold Crossett.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party, Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Miss Ruth Bigler.

Ice cream, cake and coffee were served to Meses. Gloria Anderson, Gene Bauman, Dave Button, Ben Gilbert, Blaine Haines, Bill Hart, Ernest Houy, Jerry Marshall, and Lillian Bigler, and Meses Ruth Bigler, and Mary Vandeventer.

Cotton growers in New Mexico, especially those who the Pima 32 variety among their crop, are invited to attend a meeting slated to be held at 10 a. m. Friday, Dec. 14 in Phoenix, Ariz. The meeting which will take place in the Adams Hotel in Phoenix is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of discussing price supports for the 1952 cotton crop, according to N. W. Stiver of Carlsbad.

Bailey-Gary Wedding Held in Dexter Church

In a double-ring ceremony Sunday night at Dexter First Methodist Church, Miss Edith Fay Bailey became the bride of Roy Q. Gary of Long Beach, Calif.

Rev. C. A. Clark officiated. The altar was banked with growing ferns and baskets of gladioli, flanked with candles.

After Jan. 1 Mr. and Mrs. Gary will be at home in Bellflower, Calif.

Methodist Society Holds Program

"The Meaning of Christmas for Each of Us" was the theme of the Women's Society of Christian Service on Thursday afternoon in Fellowship Hall.

Devotionals, "Offering Our Gifts," was conducted by Mrs. George Frisch. Mrs. Roger Durand lit the candles in the worship service and explained them as representing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Harry Hazety was in charge of the impressive program which consisted of a pageant portraying the Christmas story. The church choir directed by Mrs. Glenn Caskey furnished the musical setting. Opening the Nativity scene, Mrs. Loyd Traylor sang "Sleep, Little One, Sleep," by McCarthy.

Mrs. E. P. Bullock portrayed the part of Mary, shepherds were Mrs. Travis Stovall, Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mrs. Tommy Davidson and Sheron Stovall. Taking the part of the Wisemen were Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Mrs. Glenn Caskey, and Jerry Cole. Mrs. John Chain assisted with the costuming.

Members of the choir were Meses Loyd Traylor, George Thalman, Nellie C. Hartell, B. A. Demars, J. R. Miller, J. D. Roberts, and Glenn Caskey.

Misses Betty Jo Kaiser, Marilyn Cox, Bobby Freeman, Sandra Mitchell and Carolyn Sperry.

Messes Duaine Robinson, Charles Waltrip, Philip Dillard, Gary Blair, Bruce Caskey, Dwight Robinson and Robert Blair.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Max Ratliff, Mrs. Royal Butts, and Mrs. Reed Braigard.

Mrs. Raul Salazar was a guest at the meeting.

Creation of a department of education with the superintendent of public instruction as executive head, was recommended recently by New Mexico's Little Hoover Commission. If this were done educational projects would not have to wait on action from the board of education but would be handled by a central agency, Frederick F. Blachly and Miriam E. Oatman, commission directors pointed out.

Bridal Shower Given Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Schmitz were given a surprise bridal shower Thursday evening of last week by the employees of the J. C. Penney Company. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz were married Dec. 1 at Loving, and Mrs. Schmitz was the former Kathleen Simmons.

The group met at the home of Mrs. Emma Berry and then went in a group to the honorees' home. Cake and coffee was served.

Those present were Meses. Emma Berry, W. E. Fleming, Sr., Lucille Hancock, Helen Porter, Johnnie Patterson and daughter, Jeanetta, Mildred Dougherty, Glen Howard, Muriel Sharp, Francis Painter, and Vanetta Ellledge, and Jeanet Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. David Simons, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bartlett.

Those sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith, Mrs. John Sudderth, Mrs. Edna Broecke, Mrs. M. E. Teague, Mrs. Bud Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton, and Mr. Hatler.

Social Calendar

Wednesday, December 12—Study Group of the Artesia Woman's Club, study at the home of Mrs. Fred Cole, 9:30 a. m.

B.P.O. Dues, regular meeting, initiation of members and election of officers, Elks building, 7:30 p. m.

Central School Parent Teacher Association, meeting and Christmas program, nursery provided for small children, music room, 3:45 p. m.

Thursday, December 13—Homemakers' Circle of the First Baptist Church, all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. J. D. Josey.

St. Paul's Episcopal Auxiliary, meeting at the home of Mrs. Lillian Bigler, 2:30 p. m.

Business and Professional Women's Club, meeting at Dr. Kathryn Behnke's office, 408 West Richardson, bring clothing and food to be used in Christmas baskets, and then go to Elks Dining Room for dinner meeting, 7 p. m.

Friday, December 14—Artesia Garden Club, meeting postponed to December 15 at the home of Mrs. Harold Kersey, 2:30 p. m.

Past Matrons' Club of the Order of Eastern Star, turkey dinner with husbands as guests, Masonic Temple banquet room, 7 p. m.

"New Mexico's mine safety record for the past year is the best in the state's history, and second to none of the western states," John A. Garcia, state inspector of mines, said this week in releasing his annual report which showed only five fatal mine accidents.

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Christmas Party Given By D.A.R.

The members of the Mary Griggs Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution and their husbands were entertained at the Harold Kersey home on Friday evening of last week.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and various games were played and enjoyed by all.

Those present were Messrs. and Meses. John Cochran, T. H. Donnelly, Paul Francis, J. D. Josey, Hugh Kiddy, John Knorr, Jr., Burl Sears, Cecil Waldrep, and Harold Kersey, and Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Schneberg.

Frazier Will Be Candidate Says Roswell Newspaper

Mayor Lake Frazier of Roswell definitely will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the New Mexico says a recent issue of the Roswell Daily Record, confirming mention of the Roswell man for that office as contained in a story in the Artesia Advocate on Dec. 4.

"Formal" announcement is not expected until Jan. 1.

The Roswell mayor recently returned from a tour of the state and was said, according to the Roswell Daily Record, "to have been encouraged to make the race for the nomination because of the friendly reception and best wishes he found in numerous parts of the state."

In 1950, Frazier polled more than 20,000 votes in the two-way race won by John E. Miles. Former Justice David Chavez was the third candidate.

Hosiery Sent Orphans Home By Church Group

One hundred pair of socks were packed for the Denver Orphans' Home by members of the executive board of Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church at a meeting held at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning of last week in the social hall of the church.

Cookies, doughnuts, coffee and candy was served by Mrs. Nell C. Albert, hostess. The centerpiece was a Christmas arrangement of Santa Claus and his reindeers.

Those present were Meses. Albert Richards, Arthur G. Bell, C. Bert Smith, Clark Storm, C. V. Miller, Artie McAnally, Anna Shipp, A. W. Boyce and Earl Darst.

First woman juror to serve in Valencia County is Mrs. Mark Elkins who will form part of an emergency panel of 24 to hear civil jury trials in Los Lunas, beginning Jan. 14.

Parlez Vous

By MARGARETT HUGHES

The biggest item on the agenda this week is the installation of the new heating system—it will probably take a week before the job is complete and we can completely dispense with the blackened monotopies scattered throughout the building.

The turkey dinner Monday night drew a big crowd—quite the largest that has ever attended any one meeting. And rightfully so, for the American Legion Auxiliary really did "themselves proud" on old tom.

The Christmas party for all three organizations and their families will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Plans are being made to have Donald Duck or Mickey Mouse films for the children in the main ballroom—if such films are at all available.

If not, some type of entertainment will be furnished for the kiddies. For the older children—there will be bingo, cards, dancing, music or just plain gabbing. The party will kickoff with a special barbecue and covered dish supper at 6:30 p. m. and Bob Wills and his band will be with us on Friday, the 21st. We expect a big turnout for the occasion for it isn't often that such a big name troupe is obtainable for Artesia on a week-end.

Altar Society Finishes Plans For Noel Parties

Plans were completed for the Christmas parties to be given the children attending instructions which will be Friday, Dec. 14, at the homes of Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Jr., Mrs. Bill Ellinger, and Mrs. Trip Horn, at a meeting of St. Anthony Altar Society Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the rectory.

Mrs. Bill Ellinger and Florence Dooley, delegates to the National Council of Catholic Women's convention in Carlsbad in November, gave highlights of the meeting.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. J. W. Nellis.

Gov. Edwin L. Mechem is slated to be one of five governors who will attend the annual meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission slated for Little Rock, Ark., today and tomorrow. Venezuelan officials, Dr. Jose Martiano Battisti and Dr. Eduardo Acosta, will be among featured speakers.

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Brown Blazes Bulldogs 45-32 Win Over Hope

With the game in stride after going first quarter, the Artesia High School Bulldog basketball team scored its second victory in many starts on Friday night as the Bulldogs downed the Yellow Jackets, 45 to 32.

The game was the Bulldogs' first on their home court. Opponent the Lake Aruthr Panthers there, won by the Bulldogs 28 to 21.

The schedule lists a double-header when Artesia A and basketballers battle the Dexter Panthers there. Winding up the week, the Artesia A will play away home when it tangles with the Dexter Panthers on Friday, Dec. 14.

Bill Brown spearheaded the Bulldogs in their win over the Yellow Jackets, collecting a half dozen field goals and five free throws for a total of 17 or nearly all of the Artesia team's points.

For Hope, Terry was high-point player with a four and five count for

Both teams were sluggish in the first period which ended with Artesia holding a two-point margin, 12 to six, but from then on it was the Bulldogs game.

At the half, they held a nine-point lead; third period, 12; and the finale, 13.

| | FG | FT | TP |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Artesia (45) | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Hope (32) | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Brown | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Way | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Artesia | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| panella | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Artesia | 1 | 0 | 2 |
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Phillips 66 Loses Two Defense Aces

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 11—Before his Phillips 66ers opened their 1951-52 basketball season, Coach Cab Renick issued a harassed statement regarding the retirement of two of the best guards on the team for three years. It appears that Renick was justified in having the fear.

A. L. Bennett and Al Williams, the ace defensive stalwarts, hung up their uniforms following the 1951 National AAU tournament, to devote full time to their jobs with Phillips Petroleum Company.

The 66ers have played six games this season, against approximately the same type of competition as in the past three years, when Bennett and Williams were on the squad. In those three seasons, 1948-49, 1949-50, and 1950-51, the 66ers allowed their first six opponents an average of only 33.7 points per game.

This season, the enemy has been able to account for an average of 48 points per game. And the most startling fact of all—the 66ers haven't met a single National Industrial Basketball League opponent as yet. And the NIBL members can pour the ball through the hoop faster than any of the college teams that Phillips has met so far.

All in all, it looks like the Phillips all-time record of 48.2 points per game by the opposition, which was set last year, is in for a short life. The 66ers have nearly 50 more games to go this season.

One hitchhiker to another: "That's right, just sit there and let me work my finger to the bone."

Advocate Invited To Hobbs QB Club Annual Banquet

From O. H. Gibbs, president of the Hobbs Quarterback Club, has come an invitation to The Artesia Advocate to be represented at the club's annual banquet to be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Hobbs Country Club.

Preceding the banquet the plan is for the guests to assemble at 3 p. m. at the high school library and after a "short time to allow for some person to person chat" to go on a planned trip seeing the new high school now under construction and the new stadium among other Hobbs landmarks.

President Gibbs beings his letter:

"Comes now with the end of football for this year our customary banquet intended primarily to honor our football players.

"This year we have in mind doing something special, namely, to increase our invitation list to include people like yourself and others in neighboring towns connected with schools, newspapers and radio stations.

"We feel that it is high time that we knew you better and what better opportunity could we possibly have than this?"

Hornets Buzz Off Demons 26 to 13

Artesia Junior High basketball squads split a twin-bill with the invading Alta Vista Junior High Green Demons here on Saturday night.

The Carlsbad eighth graders vanquished the Artesia eighth grade quintet 15 to 9, but the Hornets buzzed back in the top bracket tilt to down the Green Demons 26 to 13.

In the eighth grade game Bratcher was high for Artesia with five points, tying Bennett of the opposing quintet.

The Carlsbad boys led most of the way with Artesia unable to crack the South Eddy team's zone defense.

A return game has been set for Jan. 11.

Referees were Noble Armstrong and Walter Knapp, both of Roswell.

| Artesia Hornets (26) | FG | FT | TP |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Riddle | 5 | 7 | 17 |
| Sanders | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gressett | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Shipp | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 9 | 8 | 26 |

| Alta Vista Green Demons (13) | FG | FT | TP |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Lewis | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Crews | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Armijo | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harrel | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Young | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 6 | 1 | 13 |

Mustang Cagers Set Back St. Mike Game

SILVER CITY, Dec. 11—A change in the basketball schedule for New Mexico Western College Mustangs has been made because of a conflict with a district tournament in Santa Fe, Athletic Director Ray Brancheau announced today.

The Mustangs will play St. Michael in Santa Fe on Feb. 28-29, instead of an earlier date as originally scheduled.

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Number of Application RA-1469, B and RA-1508-AS and S-2, Santa Fe, N. M., November 28, 1951.

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November, 1951, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, Ross Sears of Artesia, County of Eddy, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate the shallow ground waters

of the Roswell Artesian Basin by drilling 2 wells, 16 inches in diameter and approximately 200 feet in depth in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ for the purpose of supplementing water obtained from Well No. RA-1469, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 245 acres of land described as follows:

Subdivision Part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 18, Township 18 S., Range 26 E., Acres 21.60.

Subdivision Part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 18, Township 18 S., Range 26 E., Acres 11.57.

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Subdivision Part of W $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 17, Township 18 S., Range 26 E., Acres 68.46.

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No additional rights over and above those set forth in License No. RA-1469, RA-1508 and RA-1469-S and RA-1508-S are contemplated under this application.

JOHN H. BLISS, State Engineer. 97.31-101

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

United States of America } ss.
State of New Mexico
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that there was filed for record in the office of the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico on the 21st day of November, A.D. 1951, at 2:15 P. M. CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION OF

MYERS COMPANY ARTESIA, Inc. The Myers Company Artesia, Inc., a corporation organized under the Laws of New Mexico; and duly executed consent in writing that said corporation be dissolved; and this Commission being satisfied that all of the requirements of Section 54-501, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, compilation of 1941, relating to the voluntary dissolution of corporations have been duly complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE, this Commission hereby certifies that said corporation has been dissolved and Notice thereof shall be published in an affidavit of Publication filed

with the Corporation Commission as required by Law (Section 54-501 New Mexico Statutes 1941 Annotated and all acts amendatory thereof).

The principal office of the said corporation in this State is in Artesia, New Mexico and the name of the agent in charge thereof and upon whom service may be made is Archie Campbell, Roswell, New Mexico.

In Testimony Whereof, the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its chairman and the seal of said Commission to be affixed at the City of

Santa Fe on this 21st day of November, 1951.
No. 24567.
(SEAL) DAN R. SEDILLO, Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:
Casme R. Garcia, Clerk. 97-2tc-99

Aptitude testing to help high school seniors determine what careers they are best fitted for is going on at various offices of the New Mexico Employment Service, Walter E. Taylor reports. The program began with one school in 1948 and has been expanding ever since, according to Taylor.

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State Purchasing Policy

GOVERNOR EDWIN L. MECHEM, through the new acting purchasing agent for the state has announced the policy governing the state buying and from this it is pretty apparent just why there was a change in the state agent.

Governor Mechem has emphasized three things in the policy—first, everyone desiring to do so is to have an opportunity to bid on state business; secondly, the low and best bidder is to get the state business; and third, the state employees are not to engage in selling to the state.

We believe the public will agree to that policy and are pleased to see that it has been definitely announced. There is every indication that Governor Mechem expects to see that policy carried out.

Certainly everyone in the state should have the opportunity to bid on state business. In so far as that is concerned everyone should have the right to bid on city, county, district and state business.

Far too long for the good of the state those in the inner political circle have gotten the state's business. It is also possible that in many instances the state paid too much for what they bought.

Citizens who have not been active in politics have known for years they could not secure state business if they were not a member of the political party in control. They knew that unless they were in favor it was useless for them to submit bids on state business.

Now they have been assured they not only can have a chance to bid, but they also can sell the merchandise if they have the low and the best bid.

That, of course, is only as it should be not just now, but at all times.

The law was set up to call for bids in the purchase of goods for the various branches of government not only to enable the governing bodies to purchase at the best possible prices but to secure the best merchandise possible.

And it was the intent of the lawmakers when they set up this law for it to be followed and for everyone to have a chance to sell to the state or at least have the opportunity to bid with it understood the low and best bid would be awarded the contract.

This, of course, has not proven to be the case because the law was not followed.

There is another practice in the state which in our opinion is illegal or it certainly violates the intent of the law. In far too many instances city, county and school governing bodies have been inclined to reduce the amount of a purchase in order to buy merchandise without calling for bids.

The law requires that all purchases for \$500 or more would call for bids. But in many instances those spending the taxpayers money have managed to break this down and buy \$400 and \$100 worth of something to avoid calling for bids.

In this way they have been able to buy where they please, favor their friends or their political party members.

It is true that to advertise or call for bids requires a little time, but we also believe that is exactly what the law intends to be done. And those who are inclined to break down sums to be spent in a deliberate effort to circumvent the law are just as guilty as those who refuse to give business earned on the best low bid.

The tendency on the part of those spending the taxpayers' money to do as they please, ignore the law and take care of their friends should be halted.

And we believe that is exactly why Governor Mechem not only changed purchasing agents, but why he has laid down the three-point policy on which bids are to be received and state purchases are to be made.

You're the Other Fellow
THE OTHER FELLOW isn't going to save you from that fatal accident—you are going to have to save yourself.

And with the state of New Mexico setting a new all-time record for number of people killed on the highways it appears it is way past time for some sober thinking on highway safety.

The state of New Mexico isn't going to halt the number of deaths—it can't. New speed laws may be adopted; new safety suggestions may be recommended; new ways and means to endeavor to halt accidents may be adopted and put into action, but that won't halt them.

We, the citizens and those who operate motor vehicles, are the ones who are going to have to halt the highway deaths and accidents. It is up to us whether we reduce the number of deaths or whether we have more accidents.

But when we feel that it is the other fellow's fault and it is up to him to halt the accidents—then we are not going to get very far and we are not going to reduce the highway deaths. We, each and everyone of us, will have to do something about the accidents.

For far too long for our own good we have permitted drunken drivers to operate on our highways because we have failed and refused to enforce the laws against those found guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor. Our officials have failed to enforce the law, take the driver's license and send the guilty individual to jail. We, as citizens, have refused to demand that this be done.

We have refused as citizens to observe the law and to help see that others follow the laws concerning reckless driving. We have permitted speeding on our highways and many seemingly not qualified to drive motor vehicles to operate them.

We have thrown aside all concern and interest in the other people on the highways and have indicated they can either get out of the way or suffer the consequence.

And with that attitude, we have set a new record for the number of people we have killed on our highways.

We can and will change all of this when we realize that

'AIN'T WHAT SHE USED TO BE!



What Other Editors Are Saving

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

It is an old saying in America that "politics make strange bedfellows." And that's what one might conclude when he finds Senator Byrd, a Southern Democrat and Senator Taft, a Northern Republican, saying much the same thing on the same occasion.

Each had his knife out for the Truman administration, and each had the same idea in mind: to defeat the president in the next election.

In this case it was not a matter of politics on Byrd's side, at least, but a thing that has come to dominate the thinking of the greater part of America.

That is, that the president has allowed corruption to become entrenched in his administration, whether consciously or not, and has shown an utter disregard for the solvency of government and the nation.

Taft goes farther than that and accuses the administration of attempting to plunge us into socialism, joining some rather questionable agencies in the utterance. And which is so asinine that one wonders why anyone pays any attention to it.

But the other matters are of such tremendous importance that they cannot be ignored.

Taft hopes to use the situation for his own benefit, of course, since he is an avowed candidate for the presidency. But with Byrd the situation is somewhat different. His is an interest in the country that is not persuaded by political ambitions. In fact if he were aiming at the White House he probably would string along with the administration. Therefore we have to assume that his only interest is good and honorable government.—Roswell Daily Record.

A PRESENT WITH A FUTURE

The Christmas season is at hand, and everyone has started thinking about his gift lists. We can suggest one gift that will please most anyone. Uncle Sam sells it and guarantees it will be accepted with many thanks. It's a United States Defense Bond.

The present with a future, a Defense Bond, is a gift that increases in value as the days pass. A bond can serve as the core of a regular savings program. Saving is both fashionable and practical at this time and at any time.

it isn't the other fellow who can prevent those accidents, but rather we will have to halt them by employing and using the safety knowledge we have and possess.

If we aren't willing to do this, and if we don't do this, then we have sacrificed the right to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways.

POWs IN COMMUNIST CAMP NEAR PYONGYANG.



PRISONERS OF WAR, unidentified and presumably Americans, are shown in a camp near Pyongyang, North Korea, in this photo, taken by Tibor Meral, a Hungarian Communist correspondent at Pan Mun. Meral said he made the picture Oct. 4, 1951. (International)

Further, when you buy a Defense Bond you add to the strength of America—a strength that will insure lasting peace and security for us and for our country. Your purchase of a bond during Christmas is an added spur to the nation's defense program.

So, to buy an ideal gift, stop at your bank or post office for a Defense Bond. It will come with an attractive and colorful bond jacket that will reflect the holiday spirit of Christmas.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

STATE MERIT SYSTEM

New Mexico's "Little Hoover Commission" has authorized its staff to study the possibilities of expanding the merit system of state employees.

The state has a limited merit system, with only two or three departments—such as the health and welfare departments—operating under the merit system law. Numerous attempts have been made to extend the merit system to all state employees, but vote-conscious politicians have always managed to defeat these efforts.

We think a state-wide merit system would be a good thing for both the state and the employees. It would tend to take politics out of the state offices.

At the same time, however, we would not like to see the policy-making officials placed under the merit system. To do so would make them less responsive to the public welfare and to the wishes of the public.

A merit system for governmental employees has its bad points as well as its good. Under the merit system, for instance, it is virtually impossible to fire incompetent, lazy and irresponsible employees. And not infrequently those public employees under civil service adopt a public-be-damned attitude.

The present Carlsbad-Artesia highway impasse is a good example. Land Management bureaucrats are refusing to grant right-of-way easement changes and for no good reason have held up for more than two months work on a million-dollar paving job on U. S. Highway 285. We don't like to see such irresponsible bureaucrats protected in their jobs.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.—Disraeli.

Eleven-year-old Fort Lauderdale, Fla., youngster, according to news item, has just landed a seven-foot sailfish. That settles it—eleven is definitely a luckier number than seven.

As Artesia Grows

From The Advocate files
(for Dec. 10, 1951)

The most disastrous fire of the year was experienced here at an early hour Monday morning when the Artesia Laundry building, at the corner of Main and Fourth was damaged by fire.

The Fortnightly Bridge Club was entertained Tuesday with a luncheon by Mrs. John Lanning, who used a black and silver color scheme in decorating.

The recent moisture has demonstrated beyond a doubt the value of the street oiling experiments conducted here several months ago. Travel on the unpaved streets has been practically impossible without the use of mud chains, while the bottom appears to have fallen out of some of the rural roads.

E. B. Bullock has a steer in his feed lot, born Feb. 16, 1930, that weighs 1,000 pounds.

P.E.O. Chapter "J" met at the home of Miss Emma Clark last Friday afternoon with a good attendance.

The Second Evening Bridge Club had its usual turkey dinner at the R. D. Compton home Friday evening.

The First Night Bridge Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wheatley last Thursday evening.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From The Advocate files for Dec. 11, 1941)

John Lanning left Monday for Albuquerque on a business trip. He will visit his daughter, Betty-nelle, who is a student at the university.

Mrs. Raymond Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gray and Mr. Reed and children of Deming, and Mr. Reed's mother, Mrs. C. A. Reed, visited in the Gray home last week.

The Jolly Stitching Club met on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. J. S. Mills. The afternoon was spent in making friendship blocks for Mrs. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Keinith were hosts to the Pioneer Dance Club on Saturday night.

Mrs. C. R. Blocker entertained the Fortnightly Bridge Club at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the Artesia Hotel Tuesday.

Mrs. Rowena Jopling of Clovis, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, made her official visit to the Artesia Auxiliary Monday evening. Mrs. Frank was unit president.

Loco Hills Items

Peggy Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dyer, of the Texas-New Mexico camp, was honored with a party on her fourth birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the home of Mrs. Iva Wilson in the camp. The afternoon was spent playing games. The children were given favors of balloons and Christmas candies. A color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in party appointments. Punch and pink birthday cake were served to Jackie Case, Jr.; Bobbie and Roy Collins; Wally Krouskop, Darryl Jones, Roy and Stevie Wilson; Jed Heard, Mary and John Melton, Douglas, Don and Pamela Morgan, Ray Westall, Sylvia Dyer, and the honoree. Adult guests were Mrs. Earnest Morgan, Mrs. Jack Case, Mrs. Andy Melton and Mrs. Carl Jones.

Mrs. O. C. Rogers and Mrs. Charles Rogers were in Roswell on Thursday on business. Bill McRee, district Boy Scout executive of Carlsbad, announces that he plans to call a meeting soon of all boys and their parents who would be interested in seeing the Cub Scouts organized here. These are boys under ten years of age, and ten others have been secured for this group. Parents will be notified of the meeting date, and all are urged to attend.

Mrs. Walter Hammond, Mrs. Don Thorp, Mrs. Norman Krouskop, and Mrs. Frank Collins were in Roswell last Tuesday. Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Collins took their children for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Skyes have returned from a two weeks' vacation trip spent in Texas and Louisiana visiting relatives. They visited his sister and family at Lake Charles, La., for several days and came by San Angelo, Texas, to visit other relatives. They report it gets cold in the region near the Gulf Coast, but the wishing is excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Fisher will soon be moving to Monument from the Sinclair lease here, as Fisher has secured a job there with the Sinclair company.

Open house will be held at the new school building at 6:15 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 14. The public is invited to attend and bring food for a covered-dish supper and coffee will be served. Card games will be played. This will be in honor of the new teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruce who are



NEW YORK—The memo pad is on the desk back in the empty office, but you can remember the items now. Cocktail party at the Sherry-Netherland today for Mamie Vere de Vere. The little bay is deserted now, as the Tabjo II swings slowly and easily around and heads for the open Sound. In the summer the bay is crowded with all kinds of strange craft and strange citizens—fishermen rowing out in round-bottoms, power boats fouling the air with their fuel smell and their noise, slim racers picking up the faintest breath of wind, skiers emerging suddenly from the water as the inboards open their throats wide and the tow lines tighten—but summer is gone.

The Tab goes through the channel under her auxiliary power; then the crew begins to break out the sails and untie the lines (Untie the lines! Untie the lines! Untie the lines!) and she shoots out. The mainsail billows out and catches the brisk morning wind; the auxiliary is shut off and the wide, graceful craft picks up speed quietly and smoothly, with only the slap of water against the bow and the cawing of a gull here and there.

HUNDRED-DOLLAR-A-PLATE DINNER at the Biltmore Friday night, Black tie. Drinks with the Marshalls and the Papers first. The sky is clouding up rapidly and the wind changing to the south-east. The skipper starts to head north past Great Captain's, then changes his mind and makes a wide circle out halfway to Long Island and then drives for Playland bay. You perch innocently on the stern, behind the room rest, and wonder why the rest of the crew has crowded silently into the space behind the cabin, shielded, apparently, from some hidden danger. Then, suddenly, you know why—the wind roars into your teeth and the mainsail goes tight and full, and the Tab heels over, with the water hissing and bubbling through the scuppers, washing over the portholes, and the bow knitting its way through the waves that are rolling up ominously from the south. Your bones go suddenly cold and your hands are numb, but, of course, you just grin and shake your head when the crew invites you down from your silly roost in the stern to their vantage point.

INTERVIEW WITH FRANK FLORSHEIM, movie actor, Twenty-One, 3 p. m. Monday. Meet him at bar. . . . Well—you're living, now. . . . The Tab rides with the waves, her boom held fast by the skipper holding the sheet, and the salt water breaks violently over the bow and washes your face like a biting after-shave lotion. "We'll make it on the one tack," the skipper says, and you wonder if he means you'll survive, or, ridiculous thought, that you will hit Playland bay safely. He sits there at the helm meditatively, eyes an eight-foot wave rolling toward the Tab, and, in a burst of whimsy, turns her so she catches a little of its force and the boat stops and shudders a bit as the water washes over the deck and the crew is drenched. "Didn't see that one," he says apologetically, lying in his teeth.

LOOK UP THAT NEW "CARD SCHOOL" in 58th street. Might be worth a story. Junket to Ohio? Rainbow row open again? You make it. Somehow you make it, and the Tab rides for a while at anchor in the bay, the beach white and deserted in the forenoon. Somebody drops a line overboard but the tide is running wrong and nothing bites. Then you up anchor, finally, and the skipper puts the helm in your hands and you begin the tricky, blowy tack up to the north again. The job seems enormously complicated and you are tempted to just jump up and leave the tiller swerving, the way you once did with the cars of a rowboat near Port Jefferson one day when a Coast Guard cutter bore down on you. However, you don't. You stay with it, until finally the little bay comes in sight again. You give the tiller over to more skillful hands, and the Tab comes at last to anchor again. The season is over and you sigh and think again of the memo pad on the desk.

Every club member has completed a livestock or home arts project during the past year, giving the club a 100 per cent completion record. Awards went to Ector Cortez, Andy Hart, Jacqueline Kintz, Jeanette Kintz, Viola Lane, Linda Lou Ladd, Betty Jane Ray, Clifford Nelson, Cecil Pollard, Dorothy Reynolds, Joe Dean Reynolds, Betty Robinson, Pauline Robinson, Wanda J. Shirley, Ismael Valenbuela, Jim Jenkins, Wanda Jean Cros and Betty Shirley.

Lake Arthur 4-H Gives Pins to 18
Project completion pins and certificates were awarded recently to 18 members of the Lake Arthur 4-H Club by their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pate.

supper will be held in the old school building and the party in the new building which the children occupy for the first time on Friday.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

PAT O'HARA and Tim Muldoon were pals in their youth, and enlisted together in the Navy. Muldoon rose quickly to the rank of ensign, but to his sorrow, his friend O'Hara was too rank whatever. "If you'd only stay sober, you big lug," he hid O'Hara, "you'd become an officer like me instead of plodding along as an ordinary seaman." O'Hara was definitely unimpressed. "And what are you now?" he jeered. "An ensign! Begad, when I'm drunk, I'm a bloomin' admiral!"

It wasn't Horace Greeley who first used the expression, "Go West, young man." John L. Soule coined it in an editorial in the Terre Haute Express in 1851. Greeley borrowed it—and gave full credit to the originator—a custom that has gone out of fashion with the advent of radio comedians and columnists!

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

IT'S KIND of refreshing to see the tax collectors answering the questions for once. Washington has progressed from five per cent to 20 per cent.

An assistant attorney general getting \$5,000 for selling a \$30,000 airplane shows how sky-high conditions are.

Obviously some internal revenue agents have been contributing to delinquencies.

Mobilizer Wilson says we can keep our military potential for 100 years without straining.

Others say that's just the trouble, all we have is potential.

A hundred years of this wrangling might not strain us, but it would give Vishinsky laryngitis.

A Cleveland judge ruled that a woman could sue a beverage store because a bottle of ale exploded in her hand. It must've been either the kiss of the hops or the fault of the malt.

Taft's campaign treasurer says raising money for the senator is no problem. It's just a matter of convention.



SPORTS

ON THE HOME FRONT

By BROWNWOOD EMERSON

There's a Factful of Difference Between News and 'Glory Hollering'

From time to time I hear rumors of someone complaining about the amount of publicity for this or that person.

Personally I have no ax to grind and am willing to take suggestions from anyone regardless of their experience with newspaper work. Remember, I said "suggestions," and not say "dictation."

I think a lot of folks are concerned on the subject of "news" and "publicity."

The latter is pretty much akin to hallyoo, blurb, puff, and brag, and is based on fact. News is what people do, say, think, the books they read, games they play.

Regardless of how big El Paso is, or how big Roswell is, in comparison to Artesia they care not a whit about "publicity." They aren't especially interested in the Bulldogs. They have their own teams for that's the main interest of the readers of their newspapers.

I may think Joe Doakes is a wonderful end but all the blurring in the world won't make it so. If he rates an all-state selection, it's his news. Merely to say I think Joe Doakes is a great end is no reason to call out a brass band.

For will Roswell or El Paso call out a brass band when I or anyone else in Artesia says so.

Can't Please All—

It is strange that I, a mild-mannered person, who dislikes argument, contention, and wild chatter, find myself in the newspaper apparently for any newspaper apparently is the target of all who want to beef, yammer, complain, berate.

Yet, it is a matter of pride that I've been thru a quarter-century of this. At one time when an irate letter was irate (for no reason at all, save political) the chief of police offered me protection going to and from work. I declined, saying I didn't think it necessary.

There was no massacre. Now I'm not a specially brave man but the incident does show I've been thru the mill.

I regret that I can't please everyone. I meet everyone half way and am willing to treat with respect all who give me the respect that is my right. But when someone tries to shove me around I shove back.

I can turn the other cheek for a while but there are times when the turning stops.

Might does not make right. Possession of a fat bank account and "social position" does not give anyone the right to try to undermine someone who has to work and work hard for a living.

In my time I've been sent on assignments to interview governors and major generals. That's certainly high up the social scale. Yet in all cases these notables, despite their wealth and prominence, treated me with respect despite my lack of wealth and prominence.

Matter of Common Sense—

On the bright side of the ledger are some wonderful folk I've met in Artesia. They don't try the "big little you" act on me, they treat me with respect, they talk things over, they ask for suggestions, they keep their word. You can depend on them to the limit. They keep appointments on the dot. When they promise something you can depend they will deliver the goods.



Dozen Games On Junior High Basketball Card

A series of seven dates and 12 games remain on the schedule of Artesia Junior High School basketball team, according to a list contained in the school bulletin dated Dec. 6.

Games will be played in the junior high gymnasium. Admission is listed as "thru Grade 5, 15 cents"; Grades 6, 7, 8, 25 cents; adults, 40 cents.

The junior high A squad is composed of ninth graders while the B consists of boys from the seventh and eighth grades.

By date, opponents, place and time:

Thursday, Dec. 13—Eisenhower A and B, here, 2:30.

Friday, Dec. 14—Hagerman A, here, 6:30.

Tuesday, Dec. 18—Dexter A, here, 2:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 8—Hagerman A, here, 6:30.

Friday, Jan. 11—Alta Vista A and B, here, 6:30.

Thursday, Jan. 24—Eisenhower A and B, here, 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 29—Dexter A, here, 2:30.

Tornadic Travelers Thrust Forward to Eighth Straight Win

Artesia's REA Travelers took their eighth consecutive win in as many starts when the crack basketball team, a baby member of the National Industrial Basketball League, beat the potent Baylor University Bears of Waco, 66 to 46, after downing the boys in Uxbridge Blue, 75 to 67 in a game played at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock.

The league season opens for the locals when they play the Stewart Chevrolet of San Francisco at 8 tomorrow night in the New Mexico Military Institute armory in Roswell.

A tabulation of individual scoring by the Travelers shows Don Heathington leading the field with 164 points. Runner-up is Dick Eicher, 96, with Doug Lynn in the show spot with 84.

Individual Scoring— FG FT TP

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|-----------------|----|----|-----|
| Don Heathington | 60 | 44 | 164 |
| Dick Eicher | 37 | 22 | 96 |
| Doug Lynn | 33 | 18 | 84 |
| Dee Nutt | 34 | 9 | 77 |
| Cotton Mitchell | 25 | 9 | 59 |
| Bill Johnson | 21 | 13 | 55 |
| Roger Stokes | 17 | 6 | 40 |
| Bob Garrison | 7 | 6 | 20 |
| Ray Payne | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Pete Hatch | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Bill Hamm | 3 | 0 | 6 |

Recent Scores—

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| Travelers 75, Reese Base 67. |
| Travelers 66, Baylor Bears 46. |

Current Schedule—

Dec. 12—Stewart Chevrolet, San Francisco, 8 p. m., New Mexico Military Institute Armory. First league game of season for Travelers.

Dec. 13—Stewart Chevrolet, B

Dozen Games On Junior High Basketball Card

Fold-away seats were sufficient in the old days but inadequate now. All this is from a "bigger attendance" standpoint. Yet, if the attendance isn't forthcoming as is the school can't afford to spend money for a bigger gym if present one doesn't pay off.

Cavemen's Jaboree—

Mike Brumelow, Texas Western College coach, will be the top bracket speaker at the annual football banquet of the Downtown Cavemen of Carlsbad, set for 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 19, in Edison School cafeteria.

Along with the huzzas for the state champion gridders will go the letter awards and "awards to members of the squad who won the plaudits of their fellow players."

These accolades include the best sport, blocking back, offensive back, outstanding attitude as a reserve, and best morale builder.

James M. Robertson is president of the Booster Association.

To Jim Bowman, quarterback of the 1951 championship team, has been awarded the Dr. H. H. Pate award as the "outstanding senior athlete" in Cavemen athletics.

Besides being quarterback of the Cavemen the last two seasons, Bowen is a basketball and baseball player as well.

Roswell Letters—

The Coyotes have already received their football letters. Twenty-one players and one manager were in on the collection. Receiving letters of the third year were Kenneth Willis, Lavon Arrington, Homer Clees, Grant Williams, John Cox and Arthur Jones.

Silent Hunters—

Just as they did on deer, hunters of quail and pheasant have been mightily close mouthed around town. Not a one has been heard bragging of the fine quail he shot or the "big ones that got away."

Seems there were more hunters out than pheasants. And, on quail, many hunters had thought there were lots of quail in the county this season, but most reports were disappointing.

High winds hurt hunting, but there was also a shortage of birds.

p. m., Albuquerque, Highlands gym.

Dec. 17—New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p. m., ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL gym, first game on home court for Travelers.

December 8—

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| Travelers (66) | FG | FT | TP |
| Heathington | 7 | 8 | 22 |
| Eicher | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Lynn | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Nutt | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Johnson | 5 | 2 | 15 |
| Hatch | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stokes | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Mitchell | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Garrison | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Payne | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamm | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Totals 26 14 66

Baylor Bears (46)

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| Johnson | 10 | 3 | 23 |
| Davis | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Starkey | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Mullins | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Houde | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Harris | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Wimp | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strasberger | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fleetwood | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 18 10 46

December 6—

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|----------------|----|----|----|
| Travelers (75) | FG | FT | TP |
| Heathington | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Eicher | 9 | 3 | 22 |
| Lynn | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Nutt | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| Johnson | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Mitchell | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Stokes | 5 | 2 | 12 |
| Hatch | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrison | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payne | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hamm | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 29 17 75

Reese Base Rattlers (67)

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| Sunderledge | 12 | 0 | 32 |
| Gabin | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Lopez | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Cheek | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Fossey | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Sutherland | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Ottesen | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clady | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Totals 28 11 67

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(Continued from Page 1) with her Aunt Helen at 314 North Roselawn, wants Santa to help her get started on housekeeping, for her requests include such items as dishes, two tables and two chairs. A doll and doll buggy and a rocking horse are also among Karen's requests.

From the same address as Karen's comes a letter from Jackie Nan, who wants a doll with real hair, dishes and a rocking chair. She is also living with Aunt Helen, and adds that the address given in the letter is an Artesia designation.

From Hope comes an invitation to eat a turkey dinner Christmas Eve with the family of Sammy Tul, who asks that Santa bring him a tool set, an electric train, and a Roy Rogers suit.

Betty May Stephen who also lives at Hope wants a bicycle and a little sewing machine, together with a watch, a dress, and mittens. Betty May who says she is seven years old thanks Santa in advance for listening to her requests.

Fence Being Built On Battery Tract

Adding both security and better appearance, work is underway in the 400 block on West Centre of constructing a fence to encircle the block on which is located the Armory of Battery C, 697th Anti-aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, New Mexico National Guard.

Holes have been dug in which iron posts will be set in cement. Then a fence eight feet high with three strands of barbed wire baffle will be erected. The work started Thursday, Dec. 6.

When completed there will be only one entrance to the Guard's property. That will be a gate on Fifth, on the west side of the tract.

The battery continues its regular drills at 7 p. m. each Wednesday, but gets a Christmas present in that no drill will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 26 the day after Christmas.

Next drill after the holidays will be on Jan. 2.

Lt. Col. Glen S. Albright of Albuquerque, state maintenance officer of the National Guard, whose job it is to see that all ordnance is properly maintained and in serviceable condition, was in Artesia last Thursday.

His visit, however, was not official as he was on his way to Hobbs, and merely stopped here to exchange greetings with battery officers.

Church Benefit Makes "Sell-Out"

An estimated \$350 was taken in by the Presbyterian Women's Association at their annual bazaar and bake sale held from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Saturday at the Artesia Pharmacy, 402 West Main, according to Mrs. J. J. Clarke.

All Around Artesia

The Woodbine Cemetery Association held their regular monthly meeting last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Buelah Jones. Refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream, coffee and candy was served by the hostess to Meses. Frank Wilson, Ira C. Dixon, Effie Wingfield, Ada Dungan, H. T. Gissler, and Reed Brainard. Mrs. Jones presented each member with a bottle of perfume.

Central School Parent-Teachers' Association will meet at 3:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the school music room. A Christmas program will be presented, also a nursery will be provided for the small children. An executive board meeting will be held at 2:45 o'clock in the teachers' lounge preceding the regular meeting.

ARTESIA GENERAL HOSPITAL Births—Dec. 6—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furlow, a son, Michael Dudley, weight six pounds 12 ounces.

The Fifty Two Bridge Club met to Mrs. V. L. Allen, association president.

All the merchandise on hand for the bazaar was sold. Proceeds from the sale go towards the church building fund.

Ten women worked on the sale under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. T. Flint.

Workers were Meses. Harold Kersey, Ralph Shugart, R. L. Paris, M. G. Schulze, Paul Francis, C. W. Smith, John Dixon, H. T. Flint, Leslie Warren.

Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Allen to association members who contributed items for the sale.

last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. W. Ports, Mrs. J. L. McNallen held high score, Mrs. Kyle Clarke second high, and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, bingo. Cake and coffee were served to Meses. Clarence Key, Owen Haynes, J. J. Clarke, Jr., G. Taylor Cole, and J. L. McNallen, members, and Mrs. Boone Barnett and Mrs. Kyle Clark, guests.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ferdie Blessing of Wichita, Falls, Texas, are the parents of a son, born Saturday, Dec. 8, weighing seven pounds 15 ounces. The mother will be remembered as the former Dorothy Lorang. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lorang of Artesia and Mr. and Mrs. F. Blessing of Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor Cole spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Albuquerque.

Dr. Lawrence Clarke of Albuquerque arrived Saturday to visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Sr., and his brother, Dr. John Clarke, Jr., and his family.

Stewart Compton returned home Sunday from Fort Worth, Texas, where he was called due to the serious illness of his father, R. D. Compton. The elder Compton was improving when Stewart returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Graham and daughter, Mary Louise of Mountaineer, arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Blue. Mr. Graham returned Monday to Mountaineer and Mrs. Graham and baby will remain until after Christmas.

Pfc. James D. Blue, with the 48th Ordnance M.M. Group, is now

located at Baumholder, Germany, arriving Nov. 23. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Blue.

The Artesia Garden Club which was to have met Friday, Dec. 14, has been changed to 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Harold Kersey, 808 West Grand Avenue. This is the regular meeting and also gift exchange.

Items suitable for Christmas gifts will be placed on sale tonight at the Sherman Memorial Methodist Church of Loco Hills. Pie and coffee will be served at the auction sale and bazaar. Money for the affair goes into the church building fund.

A play-day was staged from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. at Carlsbad High School for 15 Artesia girls. Games played included speed ball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, archery, table tennis. W. H. Foster, Carlsbad High principal welcomed the girls. Activities were supervised by Lillian McCormick, girls' physical education teacher at Artesia High School and Henrietta Curry and Vina Cunningham, girls' physical education teacher at Carlsbad.

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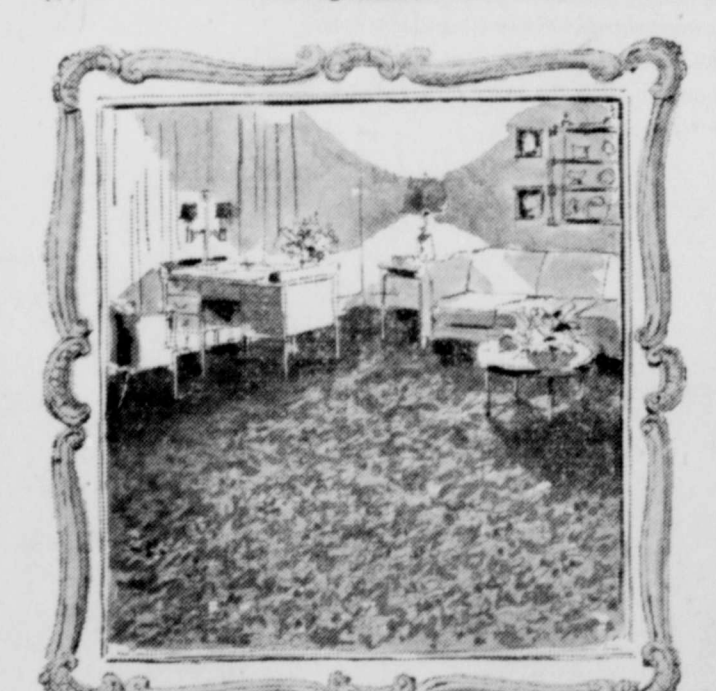


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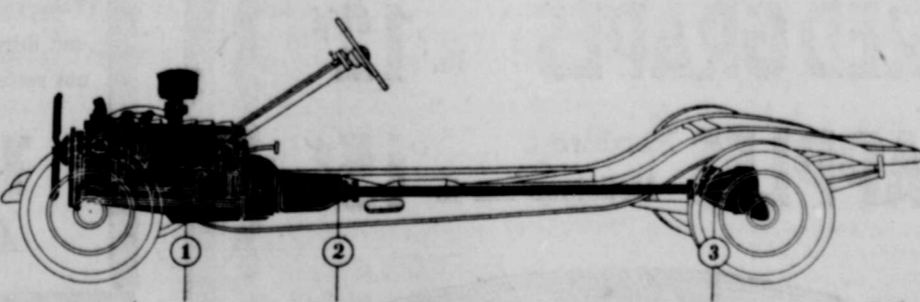
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