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## Artesia County

### Because

(The following information sponsored by the Steering Committee for Artesia County.)

1. The desire for local self government and the objection to taxation without representation and without a fair return on the taxes paid is the foundation of this Nation.

2. It is the desire of almost 100 per cent of the population, which is over 14,000, that the New Mexico Legislature create Artesia County.

3. The abolishment and not the creation of local county governments is the beginning of centralized government control.

4. It is a matter of convenience and economy to farmers, business men and others, who live in what will be Artesia County and who now spend each year in excess of \$75,000 in travel expense to transact necessary county business in the county seat.

5. Both Artesia County and Eddy County can be operated without any increase in taxes.

6. The schools can be operated in both counties without adversely affecting the schools of either county.

7. The evaluation of the Carlsbad School District will not be lowered since the new county will not include any of the four producing potash mines.

8. By the creation of Artesia County, both Artesia County and Eddy County will be counties of the first class, Artesia County will have a greater assessed valuation than 23 of the present counties in New Mexico and Eddy County will retain its position as the third wealthiest county.

9. The historical development of New Mexico shows that the Legislature has always created additional counties as needed to serve the people of the State and provide better government for them.

10. Irrespective as to what general comments may have been made by disinterested groups, political leaders or other individuals, not familiar with the facts, this case should be decided on its own merits.

### The People's Desires

The movement now in the Legislature creating a new county from a division of Eddy County is subscribed to and supported by 99 per cent of the people of the affected area and is not being proposed by an individual, group or political organization. It is truly a wish of the people to return government back to those who sustain it by taxes, to give to the individual the right to expect from his county government his proportionate share of convenience and tax dollar that he pays to support it.

It is said that the division of Eddy County is the desire of a "bunch of disgruntled folks," who are trying to make something out of nothing for their own personal gains, that the increase in taxes would prohibit the setting up and operating a new county and that the county school districts would be adversely affected.

The "bunch of disgruntled folks" happens to be the entire population of North Eddy County and nothing in the future is planned for any individual, group or organization, EXCEPT good government and good representation therein. We have introduced competent authority that there would not be any major increase in taxes, that the present budget of Eddy County is extravagant and wasteful.

The superintendents of schools of both North and South Eddy County have testified that a split of the county would not affect either system.

Finally, the legislative action which we are asking in order to remedy this situation is the result of intensive research by sound thinking business men, farmers and ranchers. In our opinion the proposed division of Eddy County will not increase taxes materially, if any at all, for either division and is amply warranted and justified from the point of convenience and services rendered to eight or nine thousand people in the city of Artesia and some five or six thousand others adjacent thereto.

### Economic Reason for Proposed New Artesia County

More than 90 per cent of residents of the area live in or must pass through Artesia and must make a 72-mile trip to reach the present county seat. Abstractors, attorneys, young men to contact the draft board, farmers to contact the County Agricultural

agent and agricultural committees; jurors, witnesses in court and people with various types of business to transact at the court house make thousands of trips annually over this 72-mile distance. It is conservative to estimate that it costs the residents of the proposed new county more than \$75,000 annually in traveling expenses, excluding time lost, in necessary trips to our present county seat.

### Cost of Courthouse

Senate Bill 100 provides for a \$300,000 bond issue for the building and equipping of a courthouse and jail. This figure was placed in the bill after a careful study and estimate had been made by architects, contractors and persons familiar with the cost of the proper equipment and the figure is adequately high to build and equip an efficient and durable courthouse and jail.

### Cost of Duplicating and Transferring Records

Estimates have been received from very responsible and reliable firms as to the cost of duplicating and transferring all necessary records. The highest of these estimates was less than \$60,000. The residents of the proposed new county consider the source of these estimates much more reliable than the statements of the witness who appeared before the Senate Committee on Feb. 14 with the ridiculous and fabulous figure of \$2 per page with a total of \$500,000 as cost of the above work.

Recordak Corporation of Denver, Colo., has estimated to the committee the cost of transcribing records for the proposed Artesia County to microfilm and printing back to legal size at approximately \$26,000, based on 150,000 pages.

### Operating Cost of Proposed County

After careful study and a detailed budget had been completed, it was determined that the proposed new county could operate on slightly less than \$150,000 annually and provide more county road maintenance and construction than the area has averaged receiving during the past 10 years. A careful and accurate division of the sources of income of Eddy County shows that the proposed county would take with it almost exactly one-third of the income of Eddy County. The 1950-51 budget for Eddy County is \$450,039 and this is all current fund as Eddy County has no bonded indebtedness. Therefore, the proposed new county would have a current income of \$150,000 which would meet the operating expense of the county without raising taxes. Due to more than four million dollars spent or being spent, in housing facilities and industrial expansion in the City of Artesia, which have not yet appeared on the tax rolls, there will be an immediate increase in assessed valuation sufficient to produce enough taxes to pay the interest on all indebtedness incurred by the creation of the new county. Due to anticipated industrial expansion it seems very probable that the assessed valuation will increase sufficiently in the next few years to even retire the bonded indebtedness without increasing taxation.

### Reduction in Cost of Eddy County Government If County Was Divided

There should be an automatic reduction in the force of deputy officials when the work done in the present courthouse is substantially reduced by the division of the county. A study of the Eddy County budget, as demonstrated by such items as \$9500 annually for janitor's salary, indicates that we have a very elaborate county government at present. The division of the county should eliminate almost all of the huge expenses of county officials. A little interest by the taxpayers of South Eddy County in cost of county government and a demand by them for an efficient, economical government, could easily reduce the cost of their government below \$300,000 without reducing any of the services rendered and \$300,000 represents the share of the present budget that would remain with South Eddy County.

### The Educational Program

As to the educational program, neither the North nor South County will be affected adversely financially. Since the equalization money is distributed on the basis of average daily

attendance for every county, each would participate according to the number of pupils to be schooled.

The present school evaluation, according to the 1949-50 records, South Eddy County has an evaluation of \$37,569,853, with an average daily attendance of 5401 pupils or a per pupil evaluation of \$6950. North Eddy County has an evaluation of \$16,140,364 with an A.D.A. of 2644 pupils or a per pupil evaluation of \$6054.

As the State Board of Education has the power to consolidate on recommendation of local school authorities and present law on the statute books makes possible changes in district lines, necessary adjustments in districts and administration can be made when the new county is formed.

The proposed line for the division of Eddy County would not take any present evaluation from the Carlsbad School District but would probably increase this since 108 sections are made possible to become a part of Carlsbad District and only 57 sections of Carlsbad District are proposed to become a part of the new county. In the 108 sections that will probably go to Carlsbad districts, according to the State Oil Conservation Commission, eight distinct oil producing areas exist. There is a good possibility of much more production in this area.

### Agricultural Analysis for Proposed Artesia County

Farms. There are 384 farm units in the now North Eddy County of which nearly all are individually owned and operated by owners who have resided on them for many years. In almost all cases that is the only income the owners and operators have. The area average of all farms is approximately 115 acres per farm. Good farm practices and management are exercised by all owners and operators to enable best results from farming.

Acresage. The total tillable land in all Eddy County is 79,930 acres, of which 44,526.8 acres are located in North Eddy County. Artesia is located nearly in the center of the farming district.

Crops. The principal crops grown in the Artesia area are cotton, alfalfa hay and sorghum grains. Over two-thirds of all crops produced in the county are in the Artesia area. One variety strains of cotton and alfalfa hay are raised.

Production. Individual ownership of farms has had tendency to encourage building up of soils to a point where production in the Artesia area far exceeds South Eddy County, where farms are more or less company owned. Crop yields in Artesia are at top of those produced in the state.

Acresage Allotments. During years that crop allotments are controlled by the Department of Agriculture, especially on cotton, there is only a small difference in the number of acres allotted between North and South Eddy County, yet the Artesia area produces almost twice the amount of cotton produced in the Carlsbad area, again due to home-owned farms.

General. In view of all the above differences, the farmers of the Artesia area would take an active part in administration of an economical unit of county government to the extent of seeing that efficient and reliable office holders were elected to office to run the county government. It would be a huge annual savings to them in being able to reduce time, expense and delays in handling their farming business in Artesia, over their trading center. A savings of over \$31,000 could be made in travel mileage alone if Artesia were a county seat. They are willing to pay an increased tax for this privilege, if necessary.

### No Annexation Planned

Artesia County can not bring into the new county any portions of adjoining counties. This is a matter of local self government for such other areas and is governed by existing counties to Artesia County is controlled solely by the people living in such adjoining counties and then only upon their own petition, a hearing in their own district court, and their own election on the question.

### Coop Telephone Meeting Wednesday

A meeting of the Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative was held Wednesday afternoon in the high school gym at Hope. Representatives were present from Weed, Clouderoft, Capitán, Carrizozo, Lakewood and other places.

### 'Buck' Willburn Services Are Held Friday

Funeral services for Snyder L. (Buck) Willburn, 62 year old rancher who had resided in Eddy County for more than a half century, will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, in Artesia First Methodist Church by Rev. R. L. Willingham, pastor. Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery.

Mr. Willburn for many years owned a ranch near Hope where he made his home. He had lived in this county since 1891, coming to New Mexico from Colorado City, Texas.

Death occurred at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in Artesia General Hospital.

Survivors are the widow, three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and four sisters.

Mr. Willburn married Winnie Collins in Hope on July 1, 1912.

A native Texan, Mr. Willburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Willburn was born Nov. 20, 1888 in Tarrant County, Texas.

Sons are Zane Ray and Alfred D., both of Artesia, and La Vern, Needles, Calif.; daughters, Mrs. James Ray of Artesia and Mrs. A. B. Peacore, Topock, Ariz.

Sisters, Mrs. Henry Crockett, Mrs. Tom Runyan, Mrs. Francis Melton, all of Hope, and Mrs. Clyde Smith, Carlsbad.

Pallbearers will be Ralph Vandevart, Clement Hendricks, Lloyd Treat, Andy Teel, L. B. Feather, and Bill Watts.

Arrangements were by Paulin Funeral Home.

### Central Valley Elec. Holds Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Central Valley Electric Cooperative was held last Saturday in the high school auditorium at Artesia. The meeting followed a dinner which was served in the high school cafeteria.

Four trustees and three officers were elected. New directors are Donald Fanning, Atoka; H. L. Green, Artesia; James Norris, Lake Arthur; Roscoe Fletcher, Dexter. A. W. Langenegger of Hagerman was re-elected president; H. L. Green, vice president and Roscoe Fletcher, secretary-treasurer. Frederick R. Hamlin, head of the management division, Region 10, Rural Electrification Administration, was the main speaker. Hamlin whose region is composed of New Mexico, Texas and Arizona arrived in Artesia from Washington Friday afternoon, making the trip by plane.

### Wage Earners Buy Bonds

Residents of Eddy County continue to save some of their presently high incomes and to invest in U. S. Savings Bonds, according to Mr. L. B. Feather, Chairman of this County's Savings Bonds Committee. During January, this County credited with purchases of a total of \$58,531.25 in all three Series, E, F, G combined.

Series E Bonds were purchased in the amount of \$43,331.25 last month, and \$30,937.50, in December, by people of this County. Series F's and Series G's attracted \$15,200.00 in January and \$100.00 in December, in this County.

New Mexicans purchased \$697,307.50 worth of Series E Bonds, \$153,420.50 of Series F's, and \$175,000.00 of Series G's during January.

Nation-wide, sales of \$475 millions in January exceeded the totals for seven months last year, but were below January of a year ago by \$232 million. Of the \$58 billion worth of Savings Bonds outstanding, \$653 million, or 1.12%, were converted to cash at maturity or redeemed before maturity. This was the largest per cent of any month since 1946. More Savings Bonds were sold last year than were cashed by \$234 million. Detailed figures for New Mexico are not yet available, but it can be assumed that they followed the same trends. Generally, New Mexico's part of national sales between a fourth and fifth of one per cent.

### READ . . .

"Creation of Carlsbad Caverns." The only booklet written about your park and possibly any National Park or monument, from the Bible interpretation.

### 4-H Club News

The 4-H Club meeting of the month was held Monday morning, Feb. 19 in the high school study hall. New members received their project books. Girls filled out their record book. The sewing class will make sample sewing for scrap book and their own sewing box. The cooking class will also make scrapbooks of healthy and nourishing foods with pictures.—Phyllis Bush, Reporter.

### County Assessor Here Next Week

Richard H. Westaway, Eddy county assessor, will be in Hope next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to assist taxpayers in rendering their taxes.

### School News

3rd, 4th and 5th grade news:—We want to express our appreciation to Mrs. J. R. Dawson for the cookies and punch which she sent to us for our party last Wednesday, and thanks to Mrs. John Bush for the cookies and Mrs. Warren Nunnelee for the fudge candy. We received many valentines and enjoyed showing them to everyone. We colored pictures of our flag which Mrs. Young gave to us recently. We have revived many facts about our flag this month. Pupils who have completed their quotos of stories this week are: Barry Teel, Floyd Jones, Dorothy Cain, Shirley Stephen. We have received our school pictures and all of us were pleased with them. We have learned a new song about George Washington. We have made Jig-Saw puzzle maps of the United States.

First graders are in their second number book and read their last reader in four days. They have learned all the sounds of the short vowels. Sometimes it is hard to keep e from sounding like i. We really love our science books. And we are nearly through with all our capital letters. Before we write our next news we will be through with them. We will have to work harder on our numbers though, some of us still make our 2's and 5's backward.

Every second grader made 100 on his six weeks test in spelling. We only had 60 words. We are studying our health book now and we try to do all the things we read about. Some of our toes point out when we walk and we can't always get to our seats with our books on our heads. We learn that hanging our clothes on the floor isn't really hanging them. And plain old corn meal will clean our hands. My, my, there is so much to learn in this life, we'll have to live at least 1000 years to get it all.

First and Second Grades: Isn't February a oily month? We made pictures of Abraham Lincoln, learned a song about him and put him on our calendars. Then we made valentines, had a party and ate too much. Mrs. Hardin sent us some of the cutest pop corn men with red candy buttons. Mrs. Kasulka and Mrs. Harris brought a beautiful pink cocoant cake and the best punch. They had a valentine box of chocolates too. Peggy's mother brought cookies but suggested we eat them next day and we did while Mrs. Young told us stories. Mrs. Dawson sent us heart shaped cookies and we just ate and ate. Peggy was the only one who was sick the next day, though. Then we made cherries and hatchets for George Washington's birthday. Things really happen in February.

### Hope News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Madron at 8:45 p. m., Feb. 20, a baby girl, weighing 9 pounds. She has been named Linda Sue.

Hollis Buckner made a trip to Artesia Sunday afternoon.

Brior Riley was a visitor in Hope Wednesday morning.

A Mr. Davidson of Black River has purchased the M. D. Brantley place adjoining Hope on the west. Mr. Brantley has not decided where he will locate.

Mrs. Mary A. Bush has returned to Phoenix via El Paso after a six-week visit with friends and relatives in Hope and Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Teel and children from Junction City, Tex., were here the past week on business.

Lawrence Blakeney and Ezra Teel, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin and children were visitors in Artesia last Saturday.

Mrs. L. O. Miller was visiting friends in Hope Tuesday.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

## Gov. Dewey Breaks With Top GOP Leaders on Arms Aid to Europe; Farm Aid Needed to Kill Rackets

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

### DEWEY:

#### Breaks With Top Men

The hints at a serious rift in policy within the Republican party during the past few months took on definite form when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey took sharp issue with such top G.O.P. leaders as Taft of Ohio, Wherry of Nebraska, and former president Herbert Hoover over the defense of Europe.

In one of the bluntest statements ever made by Dewey, the New York governor said it would be "utmost of folly" to depend upon sea and air power to protect the U.S. against Communist aggression. He added, "Anyone who thinks you can defend the United States or any substantial part of the world with any two out of three branches of the armed forces, is ignoring every lesson of history."

He then urged faster mobilization and sending more American troops to Europe immediately. He said he felt the deployment of troops was no business of Congress.

This viewpoint is the exact opposite of Taft, Wherry and Hoover who have repeatedly demanded no more American troops be sent to Europe without prior approval of congress. They have also urged placing our faith in defense on overwhelming sea and air power.

Thus develops the serious rift within the Republican party that could have far-reaching results within the coming year. Politically it could mean that Dewey is dead as a possible G.O.P. standard bearer in 1952.

On the other hand, if Dewey's thinking is the expression of the majority of the Republican party, it could mean Taft, Wherry and Hoover will be stamped isolationists and doomed to ultimate oblivion.

In this connection, it was interesting to note that Dewey said, "Any isolationist speech is an aid to Stalin."

### FARMERS:

#### Must Help Curb Rackets

With the government's order limiting the number of slaughterhouses that will be permitted to operate and the amount of livestock they can butcher, it became apparent it is going to take patriotism down on the farm to keep meat off the black market.

While big and middle-size slaughterers who provide most of the steaks and chops for the dinner table will be licensed, several hundred thousand farmers who usually butcher a few hogs, sheep for their own consumption or for local sale are exempt.

While these farmers right now don't account for much of the meat eaten in the United States, they are a potential headache for price controllers. During World War II many farmers sat up their own barnyard slaughterhouses with no more equipment than a tree, a rope, an ax, and a butcher knife.

It wasn't very sanitary, but plenty of racketeers were willing to buy the meat at fancy prices and truck it into the cities for sale at even fancier black market prices.

Price control officials are afraid that some farmers exempted from the slaughtering regulation might be lured into illicit butchering by the prospect of easy money. The job of keeping check on the farmers would require an army of enforcement agents, and is impossible under present conditions. For that reason it will take a lot of patriotism down on the farm if present slaughter regulations are to be enforced.

### HOLLYWOOD:

#### Unpleasant Publicity

Hollywood, that land of make-believe so often in the headlines, appeared in line for considerable more publicity, but of an unpleasant nature.

The new avalanche began to roll when the house un-American activities committee announced plans to investigate certain Hollywood actors that would "inevitably" lead to a revival of the communism-in-Hollywood case.

In 1947 the committee investigated Communist influences in the movie capital in long and sensational hearings with the result that 10 writers and directors were convicted of contempt of congress for refusing to say whether they had ever been Communists. All went to jail.

The new hearings may do considerable good, but as in all such investigations, some innocent people can expect to be hurt.

### Hitch-Hiker



William J. Newton, Jr., who first made headlines last August when he landed a seaplane at sea beside the "iron curtain" liner Batory and got into trouble with the FBI, is shown (left) as he was interviewed by correspondent Frank Conniff, after he turned up in Korea. Newton said he had hitch-hiked 12,000 miles to "kill some Communists" to clear his name of the taint of communism. The 8th army gave him a physical, turned him down as unfit.

### PRICES:

#### Reach Record Level

The American public found itself in a strange position, one which it did not entirely understand and which presented frightening possibilities for the future.

The situation began to develop some weeks ago with the enactment of price-wage controls, which most people believed would halt the cost of living spiral. Shortly after the "freeze" went into force, numerous loopholes in the plan were made known by which many foods could jump from 5 to 200 per cent.

Later the gullible public was told by the bureau of labor statistics that wholesale prices reached a new record high despite the "price freeze." The main increases were in prices of food and farm products.

This, of course, caused immediate rumblings in labor's ranks. In turn, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan defended farmers against the charges that farm prices were "unreasonably high."

Economic stabilization administrator Eric Johnston, who has the most thankless job in the United States today, issued a statement saying that prices may advance a few more months and finally level off in mid-summer.

The average American had no desire to see any one group of the nation's economy — farmers, laborers, manufacturers — unjustly bear the greatest burden of price and wage controls. But the average American was worried about how far he could stretch his pay check without drastically lowering his standard of living. He wanted to know if he could stand it until the midsummer leveling-off took place?

### KOREA:

#### Reds Counterattack

With stunning force and typical blood-curdling methods, complete with suicidal charges, bugle-blowing, bell ringing, whistle-tooting, and drum-beating, Chinese Communists launched a counterdrive against U.N. forces in central Korea.

The counterattack stalled the U.N. advance that began late in January and which had approached Seoul.

Eighth army officers reported elements of nine Chinese divisions and six Korean divisions were used in the counterattack.

At full strength this would mean as many as 150,000 to 200,000 men. However, heavy casualties had been inflicted on the Communists since the U.N. offensive began. Officials claimed Red casualties, by ground action alone, totaled 80,121.

Some military observers believed Communist armies in Korea had been hurt so seriously in recent weeks they could not continue an offensive for a long period of time. Others, however, were cautious with their predictions, remembering the overwhelming manpower available to the Communist cause.

Morale was reported high among U.N. troops during recent weeks as they pushed slowly toward the 38th parallel.

### JAPAN:

#### Progress Toward Treaty

Preliminary steps for a peace treaty between the United States and Japan appeared successfully completed with the announcement that the basic points of a defense agreement to be guaranteed by American power has been agreed upon.

Japan has become more important to American security since the Communist plan of conquest in Asia became clear. The proposed peace treaty hinged on future security measure in Japan.

The security guarantee includes stationing of U.S. armed forces in and about the country. No time limit will be specified and U.S. troops might be stationed in Japan for many years.

And while the arrangement lasts, an attack on Japan would be considered the same as an attack on the United States.

American policy has leaned heavily toward a free and strong Japan as a balancing factor in the Pacific. The United States does not want to place heavy economic or financial burdens or major commercial disabilities upon Japan.

In this respect, however, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand may not agree fully with the United States.

### BIG-FOUR:

#### Meeting Proposed

The United States, Britain and France were reported willing to hold a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Paris sometime during March. Whether or not the Russians would consent is another matter. No one is willing to make a guess.

One of the main problems of such a meeting would be to get the four nations to agree before the meeting took place on just what they would talk about. Britain and France appeared willing to have deputies of the Big Four meet and work out an agenda. The United States wanted to list some of the topics that should be included.

The United States wants to talk about the rearmament of western Germany, eastern Germany, the Soviet Union, and the Communist satellites in the Balkans. Russia would never consent to such an agenda.

It became apparent from the approach of all four governments that nobody expected much to come out of another Big Four meeting. They may meet but it will produce nothing except more frayed nerves and propaganda blasts.

### BUDGET:

#### Congress Accepts Dare

President Truman in presenting his budget to congress said it was a good tight one and dared the legislators to trim it. Evidently congress is going to accept Mr. Truman's dare.

Several Democrats and Republicans at least have promised to do so. Senator George of Georgia, chairman of the powerful senate finance committee which will handle the tax bills to pay for the budget, said it could be cut \$5 to \$6 billion "without harm."

Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, ranking Republican on the senate appropriations committee, termed the President's program "as full of water as a field of melting snow." He urged the senate to squeeze the "water" out.

On the other hand, Senator McMahon of Connecticut asserted talk of a \$6 billion cut in nondefense items was "fakery—it can't be done."

Whatever Mr. Truman's motives for making the dare, he certainly stirred up opposition in congress. The battle may be bitter before it is over.

### Engineer



Joseph H. Fitzsimmons, engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad commuter train that met disaster at Woodbridge, N.J., was recovering from injuries received in the crash. He reportedly admitted that he was speeding at 50 miles an hour at the time of the wreck over a stretch of track where speed was supposed to be a maximum of 25 miles per hour. The wreck death toll was 83. Approximately 500 injured.

## The Way it Happened . . .

IN WASHINGTON, D.C. . . . Judge Richmond B. Keech ruled that William Tendrich was entitled to a divorce because his wife allegedly sprinkled Paris green over the dinner table: "The defendant has shown . . . that she has no affection or respect for the plaintiff."

IN ATLANTA . . . Less than an hour after he paid a \$125 fine for possessing four gallons of bootleg liquor, Milton White was arrested for possessing 15 gallons of bootleg liquor.

IN HOUSTON . . . Police pieced together the evidence, concluded that the burglar who broke into the Hi-Lo Oil Co. building (1) tried without success to open up the cash register, the cigarette machine, the soft-drink machine; (2) tried to drive away with a trailer truck which jack-knifed; (3) placed two long distance telephone calls and found nobody home; (4) quit in disgust.

IN ST. JOSEPH, MO. . . . Police Clerk Patrick Nash got a telephone call from a woman who said she understood the police had taken some pictures of her recently arrested son and wondered whether she could order a dozen prints to give to relatives.

Regular rubber galoshes with cloth tops can be safely washed in a machine. Just toss them in with cold soapy water for a while, rinse them in clear water, and hang them up to dry over the ends of a couple of broom handles.

A crocheted bedspread shouldn't be washed in a machine or scrubbed on a board. Soak it in warm water and neutral soap, swishing it around from time to time. Don't run it through a wringer or hang it on a line. Squeeze the water out of it gently, and spread it flat to dry.

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 COME ON! BIRDIE! WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?  
 I'M JUST PEE UP!  
 BUT BUT BIRDIE! GET THE BIRDIE TIED AROUND YOUR WAIST!  
 WELL, NATURALLY! WHEN I TIED IT AROUND MY NECK, IT WAS CHOKING ME! NOW SO WHY AND LEAVE ME BE!

**THE OLD GAFFER** By Clay Hunter

JUAN JERK DENTIST  
 I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PULL ONE OF 'EM!  
 NOW THIS WON'T HURT A BIT, SO DON'T BE NERVOUS!  
 WHO'S NERVOUS?

WE FIND THE OLD G. PAYING HIS SEMI-ANNUAL VISIT TO THE DENTIST... —NO COVARD, HE!

**BESSIE** By NICK PENN

EVERY TIME ORSON COMES OVER HE SITS IN A CORNER ALL BY HIMSELF.  
 I GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT—  
 His Hers  
 His Hers

**MUTT AND JEFF** By Bud Fisher

LOOK, MUTT, I BOUGHT THIS PARROT AND IT CAN SING OPERA!  
 OPERA? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!  
 OH CHERCHONVA OH CHERCHONVA  
 SAY, THAT'S GREAT! HOW DID IT LEARN THAT?  
 I BOUGHT IT FROM A DAME WHO IS AN OPERA SINGER!  
 ? BLANKY ?  
 ? BLANKY ?  
 FROM THE NEIGHBORS WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR TO THE OPERA SINGER!!  
 AND WHERE DID IT LEARN THAT?

**JITTER** By Arthur Pointer

YOU CAN'T BEAT A SUN LAMP TO PEP YOU UP  
 BUT NOT TOO MUCH  
 CLICK  
 THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR GOING TO SLEEP UNDER IT!  
 I COULD SWEAR I TURNED IT OFF!

**WYLDE AND WOOLY** By Bert Thomas

I'LL GIVE A KISS TO ANY MAN WHO CAN RIDE THIS HORSE FOR FIVE MINUTES.  
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"I KNOW WE SHOULD BE HAPPY SHE STAYS HOME — BUT CAN'T YOU PERSUADE HER TO GO TO THE SHOW ONCE IN A WHILE?"



THE WEEK  
**In Religion**

INSPIRATION  
**Real Religion**

AN EDITORIAL

"A LOT OF PEOPLE," a preacher once said, "treat religion like a hot-water bottle, something you hug on chilly nights and store on a top shelf the rest of the time."

It is a recognized fact that many people think of religion and God only in times of difficulty. It is, of course, always proper to turn to God in trouble. But it is hardly right to seek Him only when crises arise. That is like a neglectful son who never comes near his father except when he needs something.

It is God's wish that we should be constantly in touch with Him. Religion is not just a prop in times of emergency. It is the continuous consciousness of God, especially since He Himself is ever aware of all that goes on in the lives of His creatures.

Religion is defined as a manifestation of belief in God. It implies, however, much more than that. No one is truly religious who does not live in close harmony with God. That, in turn, demands a genuine love of God and a willingness to honor His commands.

Love of God means cultivating His friendship through prayer and meditation. It means being ever aware of His presence. It is shown by readiness to accept hardships or blessings with equal grace. It is especially manifested in kindness and sympathy toward others. A real son of God is a man of action as well as prayer. Rather than being content to live in a self-centered isolation, he welcomes every opportunity for sharing the burdens of others.

Besides stressing the bond of charity that makes all men brothers, genuine religion calls for scrupulous observance of Divine law. There are some who profess to be religious yet fail to make a real effort to avoid sin or overcome serious faults. They seemingly ignore the fact that whoever violates any of God's laws is guilty of breaking all—that God is not served except in complete fidelity.

It should be obvious that whoever earnestly seeks a constant fellowship with God will never have a "hot-water bottle" type of religion.

The above editorial and other material appearing in this column, was prepared by Religious News Service.



**PROTESTANTS PRODUCE FILM . . .** Paul F. Heard (second from right), executive secretary of Protestant Film Commission and producer of its newest picture, "A Wonderful Life," discusses the script with three technical advisers.

Religion  
**Question Box**

- Q: What is a Lay Reader?**  
 A: Among Anglicans since Elizabethan times, a layman authorized by the bishop to read services in church, especially when clergymen are not available.
- Q: What is the Kaddish?**  
 A: An ancient Jewish prayer for the hallowing of God's name and the coming of His kingdom. Since medieval times, it has become the mourner's declaration of faith.
- Q: What is a Lay Brother?**  
 A: A member of a Roman Catholic religious order who is neither in holy orders nor bound to recite the Office in choir, but is concerned solely with the secular affairs of a monastery.
- Q: What are Established Churches?**  
 A: Churches which enjoy legal privileges and endowments not accorded to other ecclesiastical bodies. Examples are the Church of England (Anglican) and the Lutheran Churches of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.
- Q: What is a Jihad or Jihād?**  
 A: A religious war of Moslems against unbelievers, taught as duty in the Koran. It is also a war of crusade for or against some doctrine.



SCRIPTURE: Mark 10  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 20:20-28

**Interruptions**

Lesson for March 4, 1951

PEOPLE KEEP making your life shorter every day. For time is the stuff of which life is made, and you never do have a full 24 hours a day. After taking out what has to be spent in sleep, eating and so on, and taking out what has to be spent on your job, whatever it is, there still ought to be a few hours to call your own. But if you are like most people, you live from one interruption to another. If it isn't the telephone it's the door-bell. The more important you are, the more you are likely to be interrupted.



Dr. Foreman

**Unscheduled Stops**

THE LIFE of the Master himself, to judge from what we read in the Gospels, was a long series of interruptions. The tenth chapter of Mark is a good example. Jesus himself at this time had one great thing in mind: the Cross. He was going up to Jerusalem not to talk to beggars or to listen to lawyers' arguments or to hold interviews with puzzled young people. He was going to die.

A man on his death-bed might be spared interruptions. He could not be blamed if he said to interrupters one and all: "Sorry, I can't be bothered. See my assistants if there is anything you want done."

But Jesus did not say anything of the kind. He did not turn over the unscheduled stops on his life's highway. He took time to clear up misunderstandings; he took time for little children when even his best friends thought he ought not to be disturbed; he took time to answer the question of the rich young man.

**Ministries by the Wayside**

JESUS DID not always take the initiative in every situation, though indeed he controlled every situation. When the Pharisees asked him about marriage he did not say, "Let's not talk about marriage; let me suggest the topic of salvation instead." When the young man ran up to him, Jesus did not ask: "Did you have an appointment for an interview?" Jesus not only did not resent other people's initiative. He never seems to have resented an interruption in his life.

Does this example of Jesus mean that we ought not to plan our days ahead of time, or that we ought never to try to "budget" our time? Must we never plan any project, but always wait till other people suggest what we are to do?

Not at all. The example of Jesus means that if and when interruptions occur, if we share his spirit we shall not be irritated by them or resent them. For what Jesus did, always, was to make use of the interruption. Each one was turned into a "Wayside Ministry." Indeed, a large part—some would say the larger part—of Jesus' life was made up of just such by-the-way ministries.

**Life's By-the-Ways**

HOW MANY of Jesus' teachings we would never have had, if no one had interrupted him or asked him questions! How many of his miracles would never have been done if he had refused to perform any but those he planned and scheduled himself!

In Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan (no doubt an incident from real life) we are not told what were the original errands of the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan. Very likely the first two were on time for their appointments.

But the priest and the Levite missed a wonderful chance, just because the poor beaten traveler was not, so to speak, on their agenda. The Samaritan was delayed, and maybe bothered, by what he did for the man in trouble. But what he was willing to do by the way, something he had not planned for at all, won him the immortality of the Master's praise.

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Quaint but outmoded, little red schoolhouses like this one in Missouri's Ozark country are being replaced by modern schools that offer the very best in up-to-date facilities, comfort and excellent daylight conditions. Many of the new schools are envied by their city cousins.

**RURAL SCHOOLS**

**Quaint, Outmoded Rural Schools Vanishing From American Scene**

(This is the first of two articles on the rural school plant which is undergoing radical changes in many sections of the country. The second article will appear next week.)

The rural school system is having its face lifted. Outmoded, inadequate and too frequently overcrowded, the "little red schoolhouse" is being shoved off the American scene by a "new look" school which is exciting the envy of the farmers' city cousins.

Most of these new schools are ground-hugging masses of cement, steel and glass block offering commodious classrooms drenched with glareless daylight.

They are designed for function without frills, to provide the latest educational facilities without excessive cost. And they're replacing substandard rural schools at the rate of 2,000 a year.

Appearing from Maine to California, most of these new schools are patterned after the Rosedale experimental school in Austin, Texas, where extensive research in controlled classroom daylighting and its effect on health were conducted by Dr. Darell B. Harmon, noted educator and school designer.



A good example of the type of building supplanting the substandard rural schoolhouse is this modern unit in Spring Branch, Comal county, Texas. All classrooms in this new school receive maximum daylight, automatically controlled to minimize glare by means of panels of light-directing glass blocks installed above clear window sash. Individual exterior doors reduce corridor traffic, offer easy access to play areas.

**New Lighting System**

This research, lasting seven years, proved conclusively that improper classroom lighting was a health menace. It was shown that children forced to twist and turn day after day to get adequate light on their work developed poor posture and chronic ailments. Glare and bright contrasts as well as inadequate daylight were also held largely responsible for eye deficiencies.

Out of these studies, in which 160,000 children were observed and examined, was evolved a new type of classroom, one which has changed the whole aspect of school design.

Its most outstanding feature is a new window system—large panels of prismatic glass block over strips of clear glass sash. It not only offers positive daylight control under all conditions but does it automatically.

Here's how it works: Tiny prisms within each light-directing glass block actually bend strong daylight toward the ceiling. This, in turn, acts as a huge reflector to distribute daylight evenly over work surfaces throughout the room. The clear glass sash serves for ventilation and a view of outside.

Color also plays an important role in these new classrooms.

Traditional drab tones have given way to soft pastels that reflect light, not absorb it; floors and furniture are in light natural colors; even the chalkboards are eye-comforting green rather than the customary black.

**'New Look' Schools**

In Texas schools where these techniques were first tried, improvement in health was astounding. Within six months in demonstration schools, functional and organic eye troubles were reduced 65 per cent. And scholastic achievements improved sharply too.

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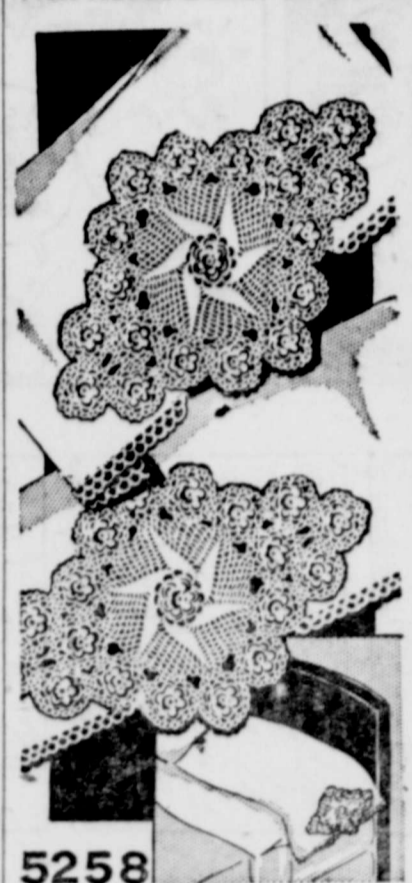
Today there are hundreds of new rural schools using this window system; many more are being planned.

Varying in size and shape to meet the demands of site and community, the "new look" rural school generally features a single corridor flanked by standard-size classrooms.

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**Tight Rope**  
By Allison L. Burks



Morrow, attorney for Mrs. Thorndyke, who has died, supposedly of a heart attack, after learning that the girl supposed to be her grandmother, Dorinda LaCroix, was an impostor, is mysteriously stricken in the Thorndyke home. Two others have died mysteriously since the masquerade began at the request of Mrs. Thorndyke's son, Edward, who told the impostor, Stella Moore, he was doing it for his mother's good. Stella is attacked by a sense of foreboding and her own danger and fiancee, agrees that it may be better for her to give up the masquerade and leave the Thorndyke home rather than stay on at the risk of her life.

**CHAPTER XVI**

"I suppose your plan is best," she conceded unwillingly. "At that I don't imagine staying here another twenty-four hours will—" Will kill me, she had intended to finish the sentence. A tremor of fear stopped her. Her careless words approached the truth too closely.

A familiar voice raised in greeting came to her through the open window. Cleve's voice.

"I'll do as you say," she whispered quickly to Fay and ran from the room. Cleve had paused on the white portico to speak to Carol, who, hands clasped about her knees, sat in the sun on the top step. She looked up as Dorinda neared her.

"Little Morrow was in dreamland when I went back," she explained, "so I didn't linger. But I suppose I shouldn't stay away too long." She rose reluctantly, stretching.

Cleve caught her hand, his hard brown fingers warm against hers. "By the way, you haven't reconsidered that suggestion I made last night?"

"Haven't given it a thought," she denied hastily.

**Carol Tells Her Belief Something Very Wrong**

She went to her room early that night. Carrie came in with her hot milk at nine o'clock. There was a bond between herself and the maid, Dorinda felt.

But tonight, to Dorinda's surprise, Carrie's eyes avoided hers. She fidgeted uneasily and seemed anxious to leave. But she stopped on her way out, her big hand grasping the door knob, and said strangely, "I try to do what I think's right, Miss. I hope you won't hold anything against me. All I want's for you to be safe."

She was gone before Dorinda could ask what she meant.

The black hands of the clock moved inexorably onward. At twelve she put down her book. Surely danger was safely locked out tonight. Perhaps she could sleep. But just as she untied the blue robe, a low tapping sounded at the door.

Dorinda stood motionless, cold with fright. "Who's there?" she faltered, and felt herself relax as Carol called softly, "Let me in. Quick, Dorinda. I've got to talk to you."

"Dorinda," she said, her tone low in spite of its harshness. "I was wrong. There is something queer going on in this house. You're getting out of here now, tonight. And I'm going with you!"

Dorinda backed away until the foot of the bed stopped her.

"No," she whispered thickly. "No." She put her hand against her throat, feeling fear an icy trickle along her spine.

"This may mean your life. You can't—just give up. You've got to get dressed and get away from this house." Carol's face, not more than a foot away, was set in stiff planes. Her black eyes were grim and narrow.

"But, Carol, why—who—?" "There's no time to talk about it now. We've got to hurry, hurry." The nurse emphasized her words with another shake. "Come on, dear, dress. I'll help you."

The moonlight lay like silver frost across the grass, turning their immediate world into a black and white theatrical scene devoid of depth or color. Carol's face was a featureless silvery oval.

"The garage is so far from the house no one will hear us," she said. She breathed hard as she slid the wide door upward. "I've got the extra car keys. Your uncle keeps them in the drawer of the hall table."

She looked over her shoulder toward the house. Dorinda's eyes followed hers. When they had first come into the moonlight, Dorinda had looked up at the south wall of the house. It had been dark then, the windows blind, closed eyes. But now, on the second floor, an ob-

long of radiance broke the symmetry and stared down on them like a seeing golden orb which followed and noted every movement.

Carol saw the light, too. She raised her head uneasily. "Hurry, Dorinda," she said again. "We'll take the roadster."

They followed the curves of the driveway, they passed through the gates into the road. Carol turned the car to the left.



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"Can you drive, Dorinda?" she asked abruptly.

"A little. I haven't driven for a long time though."

**Tells of Her Hearing Strange 'Whisperings'**

"Well, you're probably better at it than I am. I didn't want to ask you to get us started." Carol gave a short laugh that held no merriment. "But when you've calmed down a little—or maybe I mean waked up, you've seemed sort of paralyzed, you know—I'm going to ask you to take the wheel. I don't feel too confident about my own ability. Wait a while though, I seem to be getting along all right so far."

"Where are we going?" "Los Angeles," Carol told her. "We ought to make it by three-thirty. That friend of mine—you remember the one I stayed with before—she'll take us in."

In spite of her admitted inexperience, Carol drove rapidly. They came to Trentville, rolled down the main street, where the little shops, closed and shuttered now, dreamed in the moonlight.

"Carol," she said softly. "Aren't you going to tell me?"

"Tell you what?" Carol leaned forward in her seat, looking intently at the road ahead.

"What you heard. How you knew—something was going to happen to me."

She felt the deep sigh that shook Carol's slight body. "It's hard for me to talk and drive at the same time. Or maybe it's that I hate to talk about it. It scares me."

Carol's voice was only a thread of sound, barely discernible above the hum of the motor. "I'd given Morrow his medicine," she began abruptly, "and tucked him up for the night. Then I went to my room and thought I'd read for a while. It was late before I knew it, half past eleven. I decided I'd take another look at Morrow before I turned in—he isn't sick enough to need much care but he's a fussy patient and the more attention he gets the better he likes it."

"Well, he was awake and declared he was hungry, so, when I couldn't talk him out of it, I said I'd go downstairs and get him a glass of milk. It was so quiet out in those half-lit halls—you know how you sort of tiptoe around so as not to break the stillness. Anyway, I didn't make a sound. I pushed open the rear door of the hall but it swung back shut—you know how it is. I didn't turn on the light—I know where the ice-box is and I got my milk and started back. It was just when I got back to the swinging door—I had my hand against it—that I heard what I heard."

Carol's arm was tense against Dorinda's. "Voices on the other side of the door. They were so close that if I'd pushed even an inch or two more I'd have struck them. Your name was what stopped me. I just waited there and listened."

"I couldn't hear much—they were whispering, you understand. Just your name and the words 'accident' and 'tonight.' It doesn't sound like much but it was terrible, Dorinda. Suddenly I knew you were right; that it hadn't really been an accident before. I just stood there and shook. It was a wonder I didn't drop the milk."

"I waited for a little after the whispering stopped and when I peeked out and saw the hall empty, I hurried upstairs as if Satan himself were after me."

"She gave a forlorn little chuckle. 'Morrow never did get his milk. I went to my room and walked around in circles trying to decide what to do.'

**Carol, Dorinda Flee During the Night**

"At first I thought I'd call the sheriff. But I was liable to get bumped off myself while I was phoning and anyway, if he did come, what good would it do? Mr. Thorndyke would look at him in that 'my good man' sort of way he has and explain I'd had a nightmare and Mr. Poole would probably apologize and withdraw leaving whoever wanted to murder us to do it at leisure. Look how they've dropped that case of your friend. I tell you, in a small town like this if you belong to one of the old families and have money you can get away with anything. You're sort of like royalty."

"I'm safe now," Dorinda told herself over and over. "I'm safe." Her lips were close pressed to control their trembling.

She made her voice steady. "Carol, it wasn't—it wasn't Edward out there, was it?"

Carol hesitated, half turning her head in the darkness to look at Dorinda. "Honestly, I don't know," she said slowly. "I don't think so. I didn't think so then. But people whispering—they all sound alike. You can't tell whether they're men or women. For some reason I thought they were women. But I could be wrong."

Dorinda's hand pressed the arm so close to her own. "I'm—I'm grateful, Carol."

"You needn't be. . ."

She broke off sharply. The car swerved as the wheel jerked in her hands. "Dorinda, I've been watching the rear view mirror. There's been headlights from another car reflected almost all the way we've come. I thought we'd lost them a while back but now I see them again. Maybe it's a different car. It doesn't necessarily mean someone is trailing us. But there's so little traffic on this road—especially at night—"

"It's no use," Carol whispered between set teeth. "I can't keep that up. I'll wreck us both. And anyway, I haven't gained anything. That car is just as close as before. Maybe it's not following us. I wish I knew."

Dorinda, watching over one shoulder, could see in the distance two yellow lights, like bright round eyes. But another car—it didn't prove someone was following them.

"They're after us or they're not." Carol had the manner of one who has made a decision. "We'll find out. Here's what we'll do, Dorinda. A few miles farther on there's an all-night hamburger stand. I'd planned on stopping for coffee in any event. I don't want to take any chance of either of us falling asleep at the wheel. The stand is a quarter mile from the main road and if the car behind us turns off there too, we can be pretty sure it's us they're following."

Five minutes later Carol gave an exclamation of relief. "Here's the road. Look, you can see the lights of the stand from here." And then, after a pause, "Did they make the turn, Dorinda?"

"They've made it," she asserted faintly. "Carol, they are following us. And the car's closer. A lot closer."

"Well, we've got this far anyway." Carol guided the roadster into the empty space in front of the small eating house and stopped the car with a jerk.

It was a little place, glass-fronted, with half a dozen stools, all vacant now, lined up in front of an oil-cloth-covered counter. Behind the counter a glass pot of coffee simmered on an electric grill; a shimmer of heat rose from a black, greasy-looking metal sheet over a burning gas ring. The rattle of dishes came from the kitchen at the rear. There was at least an illusion of safety here.

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Use Safe Rat Poison — Fortified red squill, either powder or liquid form, is the safest rat poison. Some other rat poisons are extremely dangerous to other animals and to humans, he warns.

**Surplus Potatoes**



These hereford steers of the Kittitas valley region, Ellensburg, Washington, are eyebrow deep in surplus potatoes. Tons of the surplus potatoes are being used in the region to fatten cattle. The ranchers pay two dollars a ton to the government and receive the potatoes dyed so they can't sift back into the commercial market.

**Cows Don't Like Cold Water, Specialist Says**

Ivan H. Lougary, dairy specialist of the Wyoming agriculture extension service, points out that dairy cows will drink more water when the water temperature is above 50 degrees. "Water consumption has a direct influence on milk production," he says, "therefore, when cows don't drink the needed amount because it is too cold, milk production declines."

REMEMBER—Merit Feeds get best results. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and Grand, Artesia.

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**Editorials**

By the Editor

Mr. and Mrs. America's dreams for a better future through thrift will be illustrated this spring when several million elementary school children will be encouraged to participate in the Treasury Department's Schools for Defense program, "Draw the Dream You Save For." In "Draw the Dream You Save For" school children will draw what they hope Defense Bonds and Stamps savings will provide for them and their families. The project will begin next week when 48,000 elementary schools receive brochures outlining the project and its history making incentives.

The president of the United States will pay tribute to the youth of the nation participating in the "Draw the Dream You Save For" project at a White House ceremony late in May when he places a representative group of the drawings chosen by the National Cartoonists society on exhibition in his cartoon gallery adjoining the cabinet room. Each school may enter up to five drawings. Drawings are to be sent to the State Savings Bond Director in each state by each school participating. All schools are urged to submit their exhibits before midnight, April 23, when the project closes. The idea for "Draw the Dream" grew out of classroom assignments in Gary, Indiana, and Oak Ridge, Tenn., where teachers asked pupils to show the things for which their families save through the U. S. Defense Bond and Stamp program. Results were so interesting that the sponsors decided to employ the idea on a national scale as the first schools for defense program in the national emergency.

The administration's tax measure to Congress calls for very heavy increases in corporation and individual income taxes, on top of the boost which went into effect last October. It also asks for big jumps in the excise taxes on automobiles, household appliances and other commodities. All of this was generally anticipated before the message was made public. But the startling part of the matter is that not a word is said about cutting non-essential government costs. That was also true of the President's budget message, which went to Congress early in January. This blueprint for the coming fiscal year actually envisioned substantial increase in non-defense spending, to be piled onto a huge military budget. Here, is a policy which, if we accept it, can only lead to the impoverishment of our people, the sapping of our energies and resources, and, in time, to the breakdown of our system of government. We are in a very different position now than we were in 1940, when the last defense program got started.

Then taxes—local and state as well as Federal—were low by comparison with the present. So was the national debt. And the family cost of living was about half of today's figure. It is the plain duty of Congress to make every possible economy before approving new taxes. The people will pay what they have to pay, and make whatever sacrifices are necessary—but they cannot be expected to supinely accept "politics as usual" in this grim era of our history.

**Hope News**

HAY FOR SALE—See Bryant Williams, Hope, N. M.

Mark Walters, deputy sheriff from Artesia, and B. L. McElroy, deputy sheriff in Carlsbad over Sunday.

Lawrence Blakeney and Ada Belle Trimble were in Artesia Monday on business.

Geo. Fisher has sold out the City Service Station to Haskell Harris who took possession Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rex Seely are the parents of a baby girl born Feb. 13 and weighed 6 lbs. The young lady has not been named yet, however many names have been suggested.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seely and children of Roswell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Seely and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mellard, of Van Nuys, Cal., are here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hardin from Hot Springs were here last week calling on friends and relatives.

Charley Barley returned Tuesday from Clovis where he had been after a load of corn.

Mrs. Neuman Seeley and Mrs. Levia Blankeney were visitors in Artesia Tuesday.

Mrs. A. A. Smith was a visitor in Artesia Monday.

John Hardin transacted business in Artesia Tuesday.

A complete cavern story, with photographs, 35 cents.

"Amazing story of Patsy Li." Don't miss the heartwarming story of a little Chinese girl, who was shipwrecked and adopted by the marines on Guadalcanal during World War II. Learn how she's found new happiness here in America. It will appear in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.



**F.F.A. Star Regional Farmers Are Selected**

**Named for Achievements In Vocational Agriculture**

Three Future Farmers of America members were named regional star farmers for 1950 for outstanding achievement in agriculture. Each received a check for \$500.

Budd Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ott, Bangor, Pa., was named star farmer of the North Atlantic region. His activities include operating a 300-acre dairy farm in partnership with his parents. The farm features 70 head of holstein of which 44 are in producing age.

Rolland E. Turnow, 20, another regional winner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turnow, Curtice, O.

He is farming in one-third partnership with his father and brother. They operate two farms totaling 812 acres near Toledo. Major crops are sugar beets, tomatoes and cucumbers. They

have a small herd of 12 dairy cattle and raise some grain and feed crops.

Paul Crawford, 20 of Moore, Utah, star farmer of the Pacific region, operates a large ranch in partnership with his father, featuring the production of high quality registered hereford cattle, range beef cattle and a few dairy cows.

**Poultry Outlook Depends On Government Decision**

What the government does—or fails to do—to get increased meat production next year will greatly influence incomes of poultry farmers.

This is the view taken by farm officials at the annual agricultural-outlook conference which was sponsored by the agriculture department. A government price-support program could be expected to boost production of hogs above present prospective levels.

The more pork there is, the lower the prices of both meat and poultry products are likely to be. They are highly inter-changeable in the American diet, and hence compete for consumers' dollars.

The gross income of poultrymen next year is likely to be somewhat higher than this year, the department said. But the net income—returns left after payment of production costs—will not rise as much as gross income.

Regular Advertising Pays Dividends

**Ain't It So**

A woman may consent to forget and forgive, but she will never drop the habit of referring to the matter now and then.

**Old-timer:** One who remembers when it cost more to run a car than to park it.

The same defects which we find unsupportable in others seem quite proper in ourselves; they are no burden, we do not feel them.

**Adolescence:** That period when a boy refuses to believe that someday he'll be as dumb as his father.

**Whole Wheat Nutrition**

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When a glass stopper gets stuck in a bottle, don't force it. Instead, tap it gently with the stopper out of another bottle. It turns out that no other stopper is unstuck for the job, pour a few drops of glycerine around the top of the stuck stoppers. It may take a few minutes, hours or days to soak through—depending upon how badly stuck the stoppers are—but eventually it will enable you to withdraw the stopper with ease.

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**Housework Easy Without Nagging Backache**

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Don't suffer longer with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages.

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Make a syrup with 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water. No cooking needed. (Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup.) Then put 2½ ounces of Pinex (obtained from any druggist) in a pint bottle, and fill up with your syrup. This makes a full pint of medicine that will please you by its quick action. It never spoils, and tastes fine—children love it.

This simple mixture takes right hold of a cough. It loosens the phlegm, soothes the irritated membranes, quickly eases soreness and difficult breathing.

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**Fish Demand Careful Cooking to Preserve Delicate Full Flavor**

**MANY PEOPLE WHO** really like fish have accustomed themselves to the disagreeable odors that often go with its cookery; many more people would be very fond of fish if it didn't fill the house with odors during its preparation.

How few home-makers realize that the cooking of fish entails no unpleasant smell! Here is a delicate food that is tender and tasty. When cooked only to the point of doneness, at proper temperature, its only odor is as savory as that of nicely cooked chicken or beefsteak!

Many of the broiled fish recipes call for high temperature, but for only a short time. If cooked just so, fish can be downright delicious. Do give it a chance.

**YOU NEED DO** little to fish to make it pleasing. It's tender and juicy, easy to prepare, delightful for meal variety. It can be seasoned or served with sauce, but in every way, it's good.

**Creole Salmon** (Serves 4)  
1 pound can pink salmon  
1 egg  
1 green pepper, finely diced  
1 small onion, finely diced  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon green pepper  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 cup canned tomatoes  
1 cup bread crumbs  
3 sprigs parsley, diced finely  
2 tablespoons butter

Mix salmon and egg in saucepan. Add chopped green pepper and onion, seasonings, tomatoes and half the crumbs. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add minced parsley, cook 5 minutes longer. Turn into greased casserole, or individual baking dishes, sprinkle with remaining bread crumbs and bake in hot oven (400°) until crumbs are brown. Serve while hot.

**Spanish Style Fish** (Serves 4-6)  
4 cod steaks  
2 egg yolks  
Flour  
½ cup oil  
3 tablespoons honey  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
¼ teaspoon allspice

Cut steaks into serving pieces. Add 2 tablespoons water to egg yolks and beat slightly. Dip fish into egg yolks and then into flour; brown quickly on both sides in hot oil. Add honey, lemon juice and allspice and simmer fish until all liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes, turning once.

**\*Baked Fillet of Fish** (Serves 6)  
6 - 8 fillets of lean fish (sole, haddock, bluefish)  
2 tablespoons butter or salad oil  
2 teaspoons chopped onion or 1 clove garlic, very finely minced  
1 bay leaf, broken very fine  
2 tomatoes, skinned, thickly sliced  
1 green pepper, sliced  
Juice 1 lemon  
Salt, pepper

Melt butter. Add onion (or garlic) minced, with bay leaf, stir over low heat until soft. Arrange tomato slices with overlapping slices of green peppers to cover bottom of



Broiled lobster tails are a favorite with many for a good fish dinner. They will broil quickly, and are done when they turn a deep, rich pink. Serve them with lemon wedges and mayonnaise.



Chunks from cooked lobster tails are seasoned and mixed with egg and bread crumbs to make these lobster fries. Serve with a tangy tartar sauce, French fried potatoes and green salad for a satisfying meal.

**LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU**  
\*Baked Fillet of Fish  
\*Mustard Hollandaise Sauce  
Chopped, creamed Spinach  
Baked Potatoes  
Watercress with French Dressing  
Hot Rolls Beverage  
Lemon Sherbet Butter Cookies  
\* Recipes Given

large shallow baking dish. Sprinkle the sautéed onion or garlic over top. Add salt and pepper. Arrange the fish fillets on this "bed" of tomatoes and peppers. Sprinkle with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Cover with waxed paper; bake in moderate oven (350°) 20-30 minutes. Pour over this Mustard Hollandaise Sauce. Brown under broiler. Serve at once.

**\*Mustard Hollandaise Sauce**  
3 egg yolks  
3 teaspoons dry mustard  
1 teaspoon tarragon vinegar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
Cayenne pepper  
2 tablespoons cream  
2 tablespoons butter

Mix in medium/small bowl (or top of double boiler) the egg yolks, mustard, tarragon vinegar, salt, cayenne pepper, cream. Place over hot water (not boiling) and beat until mixture begins to thicken. Add butter, bit by bit, stirring continuously until sauce is rich and creamy. Remove from over water. If too thick, thin with a little additional cream.

**Broiled Rock Lobster Tails** (Serves 4)  
4 small rock lobster tails  
½ cup melted butter  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
3 tablespoons chopped parsley  
Salt and pepper

Crack heavy back shell of lobster tails lengthwise to make tail lie flat. Turn lobster over and remove thin under shell with scissors. Combine butter, lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper. Preheat oven and broiling pan at 400°. Place lobster tails on back on pan, brush with butter and set pan about 4 inches from heat. Basting frequently with butter, broil about 15 minutes or until lobster tails are well browned. Serve hot or cold with lemon wedges and mayonnaise.

**Rock Lobster Fries** (Serves 6)  
2½ pounds boiled rock lobster tails  
1½ cups flour  
2 tablespoons salt  
1½ teaspoons pepper  
1½ teaspoons paprika  
3 eggs, beaten  
3 cups fine bread or cracker crumbs  
Butter  
Tartar Sauce  
Lemon slices  
Watercress

Remove cooked meat from lobster tails; cut into egg-sized chunks. Roll lightly in a mixture of flour and seasonings. Dip floured pieces in beaten eggs. Roll in fine bread or cracker crumbs. Melt enough butter to fill ¼ inch depth in skillet. Saute lobster until nicely browned on all sides. Serve with tartar sauce, garnish with lemon slices and watercress.

**Tartar Sauce** (Makes 1½ cups)  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon chopped onion or chives  
2 tablespoons chopped olives  
1 tablespoon chopped sweet pickle  
1 tablespoon chopped sour pickle  
1 tablespoon chopped pimiento  
1 tablespoon capers  
Mix all ingredients, blending well.

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### Firearms Still Needed On Most U. S. Farms

#### Rifle Is Still Effective Way to Control Varmints

Even though marauding Indians and bad men have disappeared, farmers and ranchers still need their guns almost as much as ever. Where the rifle was once needed to preserve life, the rifle and shotgun today help preserve the livelihood of those who live on the land. To many, firearms are still necessary agricultural or ranching "tools."

For pest and varmint control, firearms are often far more effective than traps and less dangerous than poison, and in many cases are



To many, firearms are still necessary agricultural or ranching tools. They are effective in the extermination of pests and varmints.

the only means to destroy certain birds and animals that damage crops, stored grains and produce and kill poultry.

The farm boy with a .22 caliber rifle is probably the world's champion pest exterminator. For rats, sparrows, rabbits, squirrels, gophers, moles and crows and other small pests that can be shot at close range, he uses .22 short cartridges which are adequate and economical, but long rifle cartridges are much better for longer ranges and far more effective.

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### Increased Dairy Product Prices Forecast for '51

Milk and dairy products prices in 1951 will be moderately higher than in 1950, most dairy experts believe.

A stronger demand will more than offset the effects of large carry-in stocks and probably smaller exports. Farm production of milk in 1951 is likely to be little different from the 120.5 to 121 billion pounds in prospect for this year.

Dominant factor in the 1951 outlook is the prospective sharp increase in demand, stemming from larger defense outlays. Both employment and wages are rising. Disposable incomes will reach a new high next year.

Many dairymen expect total cash receipts from marketings of all products in 1951 to increase more than expenditures, thereby giving a net increase in farm income. The increased income will probably exceed increases in expenditures.

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### Egg Production Depends On Well Balanced Ration

Poultry experts report it requires about one pound of balanced feed for every seven eggs produced. To make a well balanced ration the vocational agricultural service of the University of Illinois advises:

Use at least three feeds from the cereal grains and by-products to make up 75 to 90 per cent of the ration.

Five to 10 per cent of the ration should comprise an animal-protein feed.

Use one or more plant-protein feeds, if available at reasonable cost. Not more than 15 per cent of the ration should come from this group. Include at least one legume roughage, to make up 5 to 10 per cent. Some carrier of calcium should be included if the ration contains no meat scrap, fishmeal or tankage. One pound of common salt should be added for each 100 pounds of total ration.

### Iowa Farm Earns \$4.50 Per Acre Each Month

The average Iowa acre is earning between \$4.50 and \$5.00 a month, cash, the Iowa development commission reports. Which means that the average 160-acre farm, under good management, is bringing in \$768, gross per month.

Last year Iowa farmers made \$59.40 for each of the 34½ million acres in farms in the Hawkeye state. That figures out \$4.95 per month, per acre, or \$495 per month for each 100 acres of Iowa land being farmed.

In the first six months of 1950—the leaner half of the farmer's year—Iowa farm income came to \$27 per acre, or \$4.50 per month, per acre. That still is \$450 a month for every 100 acres of farm land.

The commission hastened to repeat that the figure is gross income. Out of it the farmer must pay for power and machinery, labor, feed, feeder stock and breeding stock, before he arrives at his own salary.

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