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School News

SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Our room had their achievement test last week. We hope we all made good grades. The past week we've had perfect attendance. We hope it continues to be like that. Our room made a border of animals around our bulletin board. We have other drawings, too. The Girl Scouts met Wednesday night. For our subject we chose to talk about our float for the Fiesta parade. We hope our plan will succeed. The Boy Scouts had their Court of Honor Tuesday night. Attending it were Billy Stephens, Mrs. Guy Crockett and Gary, Tempie Cox, Shirley and Dub, Billy Madron, Philip Beverage, Johnny and Gergorio Hidalgo, Mrs. Haskjill Harris and Jerry, and leader, Jack Noble.

THANK YOU—

I wish to extend my appreciation to the friends who have sent cards, letters, flowers, gifts and performed acts of kindness during my illness.—Mrs. Ralph Lea.

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE NEWS—

We are gradually finishing up our books. The third grade finished their English books and readers this last week. Now they are writing sentences of their own. We were very happy to have Jeri Lynn Carson visit our room Tuesday afternoon for a few minutes. We are all very busy making apple blossoms, leaves, costumes and practicing for our operetta. The girls' mothers came to school Wednesday and made their costumes. Royce Parker went to Artesia Saturday and mowed his aunt's yard.

The first five grades are putting on a two-act operetta, "Polly Make-Believe," Thursday, May 15, at five o'clock. This is a story of two orphan children who, after walking many miles find a deserted cottage and decide to make it their home. The characters are:

Polly Make-Believe, with no make-believe about her kindness — Patsy Bush.

Lassie, an orphan—Marta Hibbard. Mack, her bother—Jerry Harris.

Jimmy, a very small invalid—Floyd Jones.

Ebenezer, a cook—Jackie Alexander.

Mrs. O'Toole, an over-fashionable woman—Charlotte Wilson.

Boy Scout, her son—Johnny Tyner. Bud, Barry Teel; Dot, Orlene Parker, children of rich parents.

Becky, learns a verse forgets it, but speaks it just the same—Helen Hardin.

Lil, about Polly's age — Shirley Stephens.

Buttons, colored gentleman—Jerry Hollomon.

Rosie, a French maid — Melissa Jones.

Tag, You're It, Children — June Seely, Katherine Hardin, Jerry Stephens, Charles McElroy.

Apple Blossom Fairies — Pauline Bush, Karen Teel, Linda Casabonne, Mary Helen Cano, Nita Tarrant, Ann

Parker, Shirley Cox, Trudy Hibbard, Betty Stephenes, Helen Hardin.

Vegetables — Royce Parker, Bill Wilson, Roy Young, Alex Cano, Amable Cano, Johnny Hidalgo, Ronnie Harris, Charles Ray Tarrant, Bobby Jo Tarrant, Bobby Madron, Edward Hollomon, Edward Milam, Leon Alexander.

Oriental Indians — Pauline Bush, Karen Teel, Linda Gasabonne, Mary Helen Cano.

Dutch Singers — Ronnie Harris, Charles Ray Tarrant, Bobby Jo Tarrant, Leon Alexander, Nita Tarrant.

Italian Signorinas — Georgia Lee Seely, Christine Seely, Mildred Milam, Charlotte Wilson, Orlene Parker, Helen Hardin, Betty Seely, Alex Cano, Amable Cano, Johnny Tyner, Bobby Madron, Edward Hollomon, Edward Milam.

Topknot (a pet hen), heard but not seen.

Mr. Watson (a rich, kind man), who is heard of but not seen.

Rabbits — Lonnie Madron, and Spencer Henderson.

Fiesta Day Saturday, May 10

Plans are all made for the "Fiesta Day" to be celebrated in Hope, Saturday, May 10. A big parade will be held at 11:00 a. m. in which everyone is invited to join. At 12:00 noon a dinner will be served at the rodeo grounds by the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church. Starting at 2:00 p. m. a program of roping and rodeo events will be staged by the Artesia Roping club assisted by the Hope ropers. At 6:00 p. m. a big free chuck wagon supper will be served at the Hope school between the gym and the school building. At 8:30 dancing will begin in the Hope gym. Music by Fisher-Bates orchestra.

Hope School Closes May 23

Elsewhere in this week's news we print a schedule of events leading up to the closing of the Hope school for the 1951-52 season. It has been a most successful year in all departments. This fall we will have Supt. and Mrs. Lee back, Mrs. A. Young and Miss Verna Tyner will be back. Mr. Golston will not be with us, we understand that he will be in the military service. Luke Toyebo resigned several months ago. Mr. Toyebo has been coach for the past four years and all of us regret it very much that he will not be with us when school opens in the fall. He will seek employment elsewhere. Wherever he goes we wish him the best of luck.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Teel and children, Barry and Karen, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwell at Encino Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Milam and children spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milam in Artesia.

School Schedules Closing Events

Thursday, May 15—Grade operetta H. S. auditorium, 8 p. m.

Sunday, May 18—Baccalaureat, H. S. auditorium, 11 a. m.

Monday, May 19—Eighth grade graduation H. S. auditorium, 8 p. m.

Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, final examinations.

Wednesday, May 21—Buses will leave at 12 noon. This will give students time to get ready for graduation.

Wednesday, May 21—High school graduation exercises, H. S. auditorium 8 p. m.

Thursday, May 22—Buses will not run. Teacher check in books, make out cards and final reports and do all other work necessary).

Thursday, May 22—Seniors will leave on their trip.

Friday, May 23—Buses will run and return at 12 noon. Report cards will be issued to students.

BACCALAUREATE Sunday, May 18, 1952 11 A. M.

Processional (audience standing) Alta Ruth Young.

Invocation (audience standing) Wayne Bedingfield.

Scripture reading, David Sanders. Beautiful Garden of Prayer, Girls' Glee club.

Sermon, Clifton Stark. Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Girls' Glee club.

Benediction (audience standing) Anderson Young.

Recessional (audience standing) Alta Ruth Young.

COMMENCEMENT Wednesday, May 21, 1952 8 P. M.

Processional (audience standing) Alta Ruth Young

Invocation (audience standing) Jack Noble

Marcheta Girls' Glee Club

Salutatory address Kent Terry

Chopin's Waltz Atla Ruth Young

Valedictory address Glenn Harrison

"Where the Yucca Blossoms" Girls' Glee Club

Introduction of speaker Ralph L. Lee, Supt.

Address by Ray Soladay, member Carlsbad Board of Education.

Presentation of Diplomas, George O. Teel, President, Board of Education.

Presentation of Awards Ralph L. Lee, Supt.

Recessional (audience standing) Alta Ruth Young

Extension Club Holds Exhibit

The Hope Extension club has an exhibit of handicraft work in the show window at the Altman store. It is a fine exhibit and the members are to be congratulated upon their ability.

Mrs. Haskell Harirs and Ronnie spent Saturday night in the Sacramento mountains.

Baseball Schedule For May

For the month of May, the following games will be played at Artesia unless of course it rains and then the game will be played later in the season. On May 6 and 7, Big Spring vs. Artesia; on May 8 and 9, Sweetwater vs Artesia; On May 10 and 11, Vernon vs Artesia; May 14 and 15, Roswell at Artesia; on May 19, 20 and 21, Midland vs Artesia; May 28, 29, 30, San Angelo vs Artesia.

Girl Scout News

The Hope Girl Scout tropo had its regular meeting on Thursday night at 6:30. Those present were Nancy Cano, Melissa Jones, Ruth Cox, Christine Seely, Phyllis Bush, Georgia Seely, Shirley Stephen and Barbara Seeley. They decided on a float for the parade and had a game of volley ball. We have started thinking up things we can do at the end of school. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p. m. —Barbara Seeley, reporter.

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Today I will open my Sad Sights spring contest. Out of such might come an answer to some of the problems that are bogging us down—making our U.S.A. look so little like the Yankeeland of our grandma and grandpa who had more hams in their smoke-house than do we, but they had fewer nervous prostrations, divorces, shootin's. They didn't need wake up at 4 a. m. to see if their offshoots had yet ambled in.

With tranquility and peace such a stranger in our land, it is high time we looked under the covers to see what has fetched on our sad plight.

I will toss in a couple of my ideas and then open the contest to everybody. One "sad sight" to me—also a sorta pitiful sight—is a "picket" treading the beat assigned him by the Labor Temple, working in cahoots with a Govt. that is not of, for, and by the people. And there is the misguided governor saying he is for socialized medicine and socialized power for the people, he not being hep that the people want less, not more, Govt. in their diet. And as the bartender in Silver City or Dodge would say, gents, name your poison. Send all entries to the Ed.—send 'em prepaid.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

The Vote in Precinct 3 (Hope)

Following is the vote where the candidates had opposition: Grant-ham, 75; Frazier, 23; Bill Keys, 70; F. Alford, 23; V. O. McCollum, 20; W. H. Shafer, 50; Joe Lusk, 32; Howard Whitson, 62; Ray Zumwalt, 36; Mrs. Leslie Burns, 50; Aud Lusk, 42; Bill High, 66; Dwight Lee, 37.

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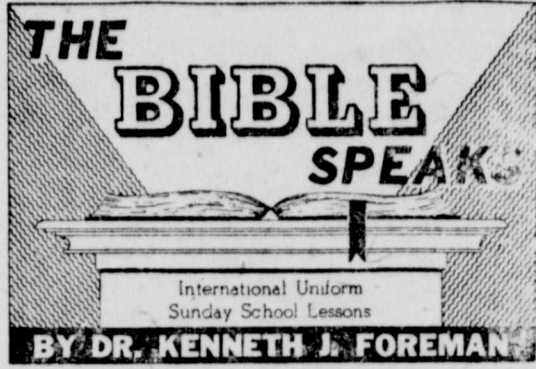
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DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 119:1-16

Jesus and the Law

Lesson for April 20, 1952

THE ELKS' CLUB has a constitution and by-laws, but if you are not an Elk you can pass by the clubhouse a dozen times a week and never so much as wonder what the by-laws are. No Elk will think the worse of you for it, either. The laws of the Elks are for Elks, not the general public.

The Christian church also has a set of laws posted somewhere in every church building, or at least written in a book you will find in every church: namely the Ten Commandments.



Dr. Foreman

People who do not belong to the church sometimes give these laws no more thought than they would give to the Elks' constitution or to the ritual of the Signa Phi Nuthin' fraternity. But that is a mistake. The Ten Commandments are a kind of constitution of mankind, not a set of rules for a private club.

No Ladder to Heaven

HOWEVER, even inside the church, Christians often have mistaken notions about the law of God, particularly the basic laws embodied in the Ten Commandments. Two of these wrong ideas are almost exactly opposite each other, with the truth in the middle.

One mistaken idea is that the law is a kind of ladder to Heaven. That is to say: God is supposed to run a sort of book-keeping department, with a Recording Angel (or perhaps millions of them, one looking over every man's shoulder), jotting down everything a person does from birth to death. Every time he acts in accordance with the Commandments, down goes a plus mark. Every time he breaks one, down goes a minus mark. At the time of his death the account is balanced. If there are more pluses than minuses, then the man is admitted to heaven; if the minus side puts the man "in the red" with God, then off he is hustled to Hell. In other words, on this theory (which is very popular though false), you write your own ticket to Heaven, you climb there on a ladder of your own good deeds.

Jesus did not hold to this notion, indeed taught quite the contrary. Call no man good! he said. For one thing, plus-marks do not cancel out minus marks, and for another thing, seen with the eyes of God, as the famous Richard Hooker said, "the best things we do have somewhat in them to be pardoned."

Jesus, the New Testament, and the church after them, teach with one voice that we are saved by faith,—it is God that saves us, not

LANDSUN

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Laura Elliott
Edmund O'Brien

"Denver and the Rio Grande"

★—————★

WED-THURS

Mark Stevens
Peggy Dow

"Reunion in Reno"

★—————★

FRI-SAT

Burt Lancaster
Jody Lawrance
"Ten Tall Men"

OCOTILLO

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Gregory Peck
Susan Hayward

"David and Bathsheba"

★—————★

WEDNESDAY ONLY

Luis Aguilar
Flor Silvestre

"Primero Soy Mexicano"

★—————★

THURS. - FRI. - SAT.

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

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and

Johnny Mack Brown

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SUN. - MON. - TUES.

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★—————★

WED. - THURS.

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Barbara Hale

"Emergency Wedding"

★—————★

FRI. - SAT.

Double Feature Program

"Al Jennings of Oklahoma"
and

"Go West Young Lady"

we ourselves.

Love Is No Excuse for Sin

THE mistake at the opposite end of the line is to fancy that if we love God we can do as we please. In other words, the idea is that love is a substitute for obedience. If we just love God fervently enough, then his laws do not apply to us.

Now this mistake is just as bad as the first one. What would we say to a man who is a careless driver, and when arrested for hit-and-run driving tells the Judge, "Your honor, I love everybody, I have nothing against anybody, I love my country, and you ought not to bother me with traffic laws!"

What could we say about a man who claimed he loved his wife very much but never paid any attention to the common rules of politeness when in her presence? What would a grocer say to a man who owed him fifty dollars if the customer claimed to be such a good friend the grocer ought not to send him a bill?

Living in Obedience

ON the contrary, a Christian will be all the more eager to do what God commands, not because he fears punishment, not because he thinks he can earn his way into God's love, but because obedience is the way God has given us by which we can sincerely show our love to him and to our fellowmen.

As Cardinal Newman put it: "Justification (the theologians' word for a person's being on right terms with God) is received by faith; consists in God's inward presence, and lives in obedience."

To put it another way: Doing what God desires is not the cause of being saved; it is the result of being saved. When we have done all we can, indeed all we have been commanded, Jesus said, we are still "unprofitable servants;" we have nothing to boast of, at our best, for our best comes from God.

BASEBALL!

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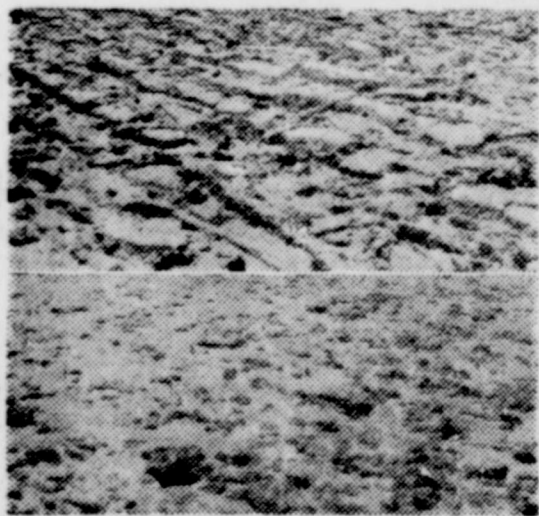
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On the lower field, the beating rain broke the bare surface soil into tiny particles. Clods were dissolved. The tiny particles quickly filled the pores of the surface soils, forming a hard, lid-like crust. Water could not get down in, so it ponded on the surface. This field suffered a double loss. It lost needed moisture for crops and it lost valuable topsoil due to runoff.

Blue Ribbon



The 1951 and 1952 grand champion of the Denver stock show and 1952 grand champion of the Phoenix show, was purchased by Roy A. Kropp for breeding purposes at his Chardon Farm at Grayslake, Ill. He purchased the prize animal from Jack Hewley of Minneapolis for \$50,000.

YOUR EYES

Consult
Dr. Edward Stone
Artesia, N. M.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND
FOR EDDY COUNTY, STATE
OF NEW MEXICO.

IN THE MATTER
OF THE PETITION
OF

ERNEST C. THOMPSON,
AND GRACE K. THOMPSON,
TO ADOPT ROBERT
WAYNE BAKER,
A MINOR.

Case
No. 12736

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE
OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO
DORRIS ROSALIE BAKER:
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that Ernest

C. Thompson and Grace K. Thompson, his wife, have filed in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, a petition to adopt as their own child, Robert Wayne Baker, a minor, and to dispense with your consent as the legal parent of said child, said cause being No. 12736 on the civil docket of said Court.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said proceeding on or before the 17th day of June, 1952, the petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

ARCHER & DILLARD are attorneys for the petitioners and their office and post office address is Booker Building, Artesia, New Mexico.

WITNESS my hand and seal in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, on this 21st day of April, 1952.

(SEAL) Marguerite E. Waller,
Clerk of the District Court,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Sheep Become Popular With Midwest Farmers

—Sheep are seen more and more on midwest farms. Many of these farmers are finding that the "woolies" make good use of soil-conserving crops and can be produced with less labor than other livestock.

According to Successful Farming magazine, the long-time price outlook for a native-sheep flock is excellent compared with that for beef and dairy cattle. The total number of sheep has fallen so much in recent years that consumer demand should take all lamb and mutton production at relatively high prices for a long time to come.

Most farmers prefer to start in the sheep business with a small flock. This has advantages, for it does not seriously disrupt other farm work. A small flock can bring in additional income, help clean up odd corners about the farm, and use roughage.

The same amount of pasture is needed for five ewes and their lambs, as for one cow and calf. A cow needs a half-acre of hay during the winter—a ewe needs about one-quarter acre. The carrying capacity of a good alfalfa-brome pasture is around five ewes and their lambs per acre.

What will it cost to go into the sheep business? Compared to beef, the cost is lower. For instance, one beef cow will cost from \$300 to \$375. One calf from this cow per year will be worth about \$160. Five ewes will cost anywhere from \$125 to \$200. Five ewes probably will give you seven lambs worth about \$170.

New Cottonseed Oil Extracting Method Told

A new process for solvent-extracting oil from cottonseed and other oilseeds has been developed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

The process, which is especially adapted to use by small mills, is called "filtration-extraction", because it involves the use of a continuous vacuum filter as the major operating unit. It worked successfully with cottonseed, and with certain modifications also proved to be suitable for the oil processing of rice bran and soybeans, on a pilot-plant scale. Experiments with other oilseeds are under way.

USDA reports the investment required for applying the process for equipment and the cost of operation are relatively low.

Additional data is available by writing E. A. Gastrock, Engineering and Development Division, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture, New Orleans, La.

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TODAY'S meditation



SUNDAY, MAY 11 (Mother's Day)
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The Hebrews believed that when God wanted any great work done, He first prepared a noble woman and then place a child in her arms to be trained for leadership.

When the children of Israel were to be led into the Promised Land, God entrusted the motherhood of Moses to one of the daughters of Levi. When later the Israelites needed another leader, the babe Samuel was given to Hannah, a woman of strong faith and prayer. When a mother was wanted for Jesus, God chose one of sweetness and beauty of character. Out of her purity of heart and humble-

ness of spirit she exclaimed: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." The world knows of the spiritual strength, courage, and accomplishment of Moses, Samuel, and Jesus.

God's care and blessings still rest upon godly mothers, mothers who diligently seek to bring up children in love and devotion to Him and His will.

PRAYER

Our Father, we believe we are in this world to make it a happier place. Thou art ever watchful over us. Guide us to dedicate ourselves to Thee and serve Thee. In faith we entrust all we are and have into Thy hands. In the Master's name. Amen.

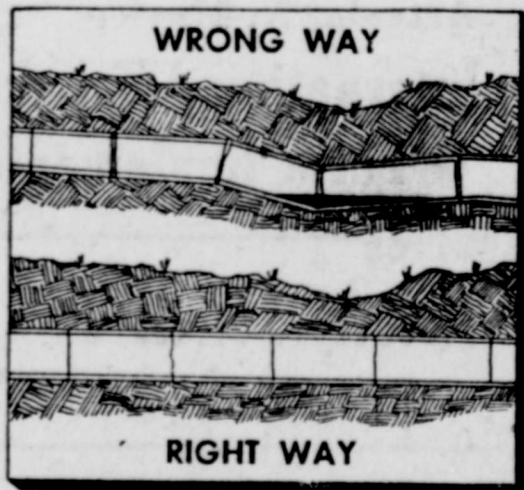
Thought for the Day: "A Mother's heart is the child's school room."—Henry Ward Beecher.

Proper Drainage Means Better Crops Under Drainage System Quickly Pays for Itself

It is a well-known and established fact that more crops and better quality crops are grown on land that is properly drained than can be grown on undrained land. More and better crops mean larger incomes, and for this reason alone every farmer should investigate the benefits of drainage to his land.

A farm underdrainage system may easily pay for itself in from one to five years. Often the loss of a single crop that could have been prevented by proper drainage will amount to more than the entire cost of the system.

The actual cash return comes from the basic benefits. They include: It deepens the soil bed; it conserves the top soil; it lengthens the grow-



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ing season; it raises soil temperatures; it permits earlier cultivation after rains; it protects crops from frost damage; it increases value of fertilizing; it reduces labor and machinery costs; it tends to make crops drought-resistant; and it increases value of any farm.

Hope News

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hammonds and children of Roswell spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luke Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander and two children of Hobbs spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Luke Alexander and boys. They left Monday morning for California.

"MEET IKE'S MAN — GRUENTHER" — Ike calls Gen. Alfred Maximilian Gruenther "my right arm." "He's the best darn soldier in the Army," said Gen. Mark Clark, on the road to Rome in 1944. Don't miss a dramatic profile of Gen. Gruenther, who is the Army's youngest four-star general. Read it in the new American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

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75 Per Cent Farm Fires Preventable

Inspection is Answer To Farm Fire Prevention

Two University of Illinois researchers believe that farmers could prevent 75 per cent of farm fires if they would inspect for hazards and eliminate them.

The two researchers, Dean Winter and Gilbert Sauer, of the University's agricultural engineering department, reached their conclusion after inspection of 53 farms in that state.

"It's lightning, faulty wiring and poor heating systems that are burning down most Illinois farm buildings," they report. "On the farms we visited, we often found the wiring or the furnace in poor condition. Lots of farmers didn't have lightning rods.

"Most of these conditions could be corrected by farmers themselves. Our survey found that probably 75 per cent of farm fires could be prevented if fire hazards were pointed



out to farmers and they would remove them."

The only answer is routine inspection by the farmer every few months and quick elimination of the hazards.

Farm Wife to Encourage New Homes, Remodeling

A group of researchers are convinced there's some truth in the warning, "never underestimate the power of a woman."

The real impetus to home building on the nation's farms will probably be generated by Mrs. Farm Wife herself, they say.

Farm women, explain Minneapolis-Honeywell researchers, have 51 per cent more children than city women, and obviously large families—50 per cent of farm children under 18 are in families with four or more children. Therefore, they see the big building push coming from this annual farm family baby crop. These births create a demand by the farm wife for roomier quarters.

Secondly, the expected manpower shortage on farms means that many a farmer will remodel his home to make housework easier for his wife who will have to shoulder more of the chores. The researchers see more automatic equipment, ranging from heating systems to dishwashers, being widely installed to help her keep pace with her new labors.

And if that's not convincing enough, the diligent researchers further point out that the signs are that farm incomes will be up some 5 per cent over last year's record estimate of \$37.5 million, indicating that farm families will have the money for construction or remodeling purposes.

Shall We Cheer A Dictator?

The outcome of the steel case will set the national course," writes Ralph T. Moore in the Oregon Voter. "It will determine whether we are to continue as a republic or revert to European socialism. Wherever the final decision is made, be it in the Congress or the U.S. Supreme Court, the thinking public will be waiting with grim concern. For it will determine whether we will elect a president or obediently cheer a dictator."

The so-called "inherent powers" which the president cited as his authority for government seizure of the steel industry have never been defined with anything resembling clarity. Some of the foremost authorities on constitutional laws are convinced the president does not and cannot have powers of so tremendous a nature. But, regardless of the legal aspects of the matter, it is perfectly obvious that such powers would make it possible for a president to establish a dictatorship almost overnight—and that the people would be helpless. A grim footnote to the steel case was added when the president inferred, at a press conference, that he could order government seizure of the nation's newspapers if he deemed it wise and necessary. That, of course, would be the end of the free press—and if the free press ever goes, all our other freedoms will follow it into oblivion.

Clearly, here is an issue of the highest importance which only Congress can deal with. Yet, with a few honorable exceptions, our Senators and Representatives have supinely dodged it. The issue which the steel seizure has brought into the bright white light of day is not a partisan one. As Mr. Moore said in his revealing phrase, the outcome "will determine whether we will elect a president or obediently cheer a dictator."

Hope Publicity

The petticoats started the little ball rolling when they put out the false report about Miller, and when they made the Life magazine what was they wanting but publicity.

"Best little town in the west," the mayor says. The mayor's honey is liable to turn to SS sand. I don't believe in misrepresenting things to the public.

Trees dying, alfalfa dying, crack dry, looks like the dead of winter. Ditches full of sand, fences covered up with sand. The best little town in the west.

Most people that will make the "fiesta" as they call it, knows this petticoat town, Hope, Ha.

One day there was some tourists come through Hope. I suppose they saw it in the Life magazine about Hope. The tourists said, "and this is what you Hope for," and left smoke behind.

Some of the petticoats are leaving. They see this place is gone. Some of them have never had a big position before, so I guess they will live on a cracker a day, and go to the Pecos for water to be mayor on the town board of 30 homes, and less when school is out.

Well, I have wrote all of this about the petticoats. I guess I owe the petticoats an apology. They should be pitied instead of lagued at. All the fun we have is about the petticoats.

So come on and see whose right, Miller or the mayor.

EARL MILLER.