

# PENASCO VALLEY NEWS

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## In Carlsbad

### J.P. Court

Earl Miller charged with assault and battery, pleaded guilty, fined \$160 and costs, amounting to \$114.28.

Miller was arrested last Friday in Hope by Deputies Lusk of Artesia and Blakeney of Carlsbad. The complaint was signed by a Hope citizen.

The sheriff's department has advised us that if any threats are made just call them on the phone and they will be up. They have a place for these kind of people.

## Why We Are Selling Lots

By the Editor

In this week's issue you will read articles by the Mayor and members of the Town Board on "why we need water." Therefore I am going to try to write an article on how we are going to raise the money to drill a well so that we can have water.

To start with, the Hope Water Corporation, Inc., is getting a loan of \$50,000 from the FHA to finance the drilling of the well, erecting a storage tank and the laying of pipe lines to the homes that have signed an application for water. But before the \$50,000 is available, the water company must raise 10 per cent or \$5,000. If a dry hole is encountered the water company loses the \$5,000 and the government withdraws the loan of \$50,000. But whoever heard of a dry hole being encountered in the Penasco Valley when drilling for water.

The well will be started with a 12 or 14 inch bit and go down until sufficient water is encountered. Now, here is what I have been trying to get at. The water company or the Town of Hope does not want to raise this \$5,000 by sticking their hands out and asking for donations. For every \$100 invested you get a 100 x 125 foot lot in the "Petticoat Addition" to Hope. This is all level land and every foot can be irrigated. Water will be piped to the property line when the well is in operation.

This land lays just east and north of the town of Hope and lots can be easily reached from the paved highway. A surveyor will be on the job next week to make a survey and stake out the lots.

Now that is the whole story. If you want a lot send your check for the number of lots that you want to Ethel Altman, Mayor of Hope and then come up some day and pick out your lot. A map of the "Petticoat Addition" is on display at the Altman Cafe now. You can pick out your lot whenever and wherever you choose. There are 96 lots to choose from. Next week we will have a list of those who have purchased lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Alexander were visitors in Artesia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis were in Hope Wednesday looking after the first court belonging to Mrs. Ida Prude.

## Why We Need Water Why We Need Water Why We Need Water

By Ethel Altman, Mayor and  
Aga Belle Trimble, Town Clerk

Many people ask us, "Why exactly do you want a water system?" We could answer by saying "We are thirsty." That is one reason, all right, but this statement falls short. It does not begin to explain the vital need for a water system.

To understand that, you have to see our community as it is now, stripped of all vegetation, a dry, barren land—then picture Hope with water, beautiful lawns with flowers and gardens of the finest vegetables anyone has ever tasted. Hope as a group picture of yourself, a working multiple of you, if you had all the time in the world to devote to the beauty and good health of this sweet land of liberty.

So we need water to grow these gardens that produce vegetables and fruit for us to eat and a surplus to be sent to the canning factory. Hope once had a canning factory, who knows, with adequate WATER, we might do it again. We need water to maintain production and jobs at a high level.

Our citizens are cooperative and have progressive social welfare plans that encourage individual initiative. Here we work together for civic improvement, better schools, adequate traffic and industrial development, a park with playground and many other projects in public interest. WATER is necessary for the country as a whole, therefore it is necessary to Hope as a part of it.

Why Hope needs WATER and what we intend to do to get the water is a big story. We have tried to get it simply. We know it will bring us prosperity with much happiness and a will to keep going.

## REA Annual Meeting and Dinner

A large number of members of the Central Valley Electric Cooperative gathered at Artesia last Saturday for the annual dinner and business meeting. The dinner was served at 12 noon at the high school cafeteria. The menu consisted of mashed potatoes or candied sweet potatoes, gravy, baked ham, string beans, apple dumplings, hot biscuits, coffee or cocoa. The meal was wonderful and everyone is wondering "how did we ever get along without the REA?"

The business meeting was called to order at 1:30 at the high school auditorium. Directors were elected by acclamation. Immediately after the close of this meeting, the drawing for prizes was held. Those from Hope who were lucky enough to win were Mrs. Katherine Williams, Mrs. D. W. Carson, Mrs. Russell Lee and W. E. Rood.

Mrs. Mansel Milam and Mrs. W. E. Rood were visitors in Artesia Wednesday.

Dick Westaway was a visitor in Hope Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday.

By Mrs. Tempie Cox,  
Member of the Town Board

To the editor of the Penasco Valley News:

Hope needs a water well and water system because people and animals cannot live without water. As we all know our only source of water (the Penasco River) does not run enough for house use even much less enough to make a pretty yard and grow a garden. One can survive for a greater length of time without food than they can without water. But it takes water to grow the food, so without water we would have no food. Therefore water is the most essential substance to maintain life itself.

The lack of water is the one thing that has caused Hope to fade away. If we could get the town well and water system into service in the very near future, Hope would flourish in a very short time, as Hope is known to have the richest soil in the Pecos Valley.

We, the people of Hope, should do everything in our power to obtain water. For there is no room for us in the surrounding communities. Everywhere there is water, the room is all taken up. Just where would, or rather, where could we go if we can't get a water system in Hope. Without the water we lose our school and our churches. When we have lost those institutions, there is nothing left here to live for. One can't make a town with the few citizens that have wells in the community, for the most of these families have no children. Therefore there could be no school nor even a church with so few people.

Oh where is our love for God and our fellow man? Don't we even know the Golden Rule "That is to Love One Another" therefore to do unto others as you would have others do unto you, which would show our love for our fellow man. Are we not our brothers keeper?

Is this not a democratic country? Don't we even have a say in our school, town, county, state or national government? Can't we have the benefit of at least part of our tax money? We may be little and insignificant, also few in number, mainly the reminine sex, but we have had recognition from our county, state and national governments in more cases than one, as well as from several of the leading magazines. So why don't we work as one big family and work for the progress of our friendly little town by helping to raise the money (that is one thing that talks in any man's language) for the town well and the water system, so we can maintain our little town with a high school, grade school and a place to worship the One and Only, the Giver of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ.

If there are those who are not interested in maintaining Hope and getting the water so it can grow, then why can't they go somewhere else and let those come here that would like to see Hope grow and become a municipal town. It is my belief that it can be done if everyone will work together, realizing the great benefit of a water system in Hope. Thanks.

By Mrs. Ella Buckner  
Member of the Town Board

We need a water well in Hope because we never know when or if we are to get the river water. We need water to keep our trees, flowers and grass alive and growing, to make our property more attractive and enjoyable. We all love beauty, but how can we have beautiful yards or gardens without water? We need water for our chickens and stock. We need water for household uses. Cleanliness is next to Godliness and how can we keep clean without water? We need water to quench the thirst of our weary travelers and neighbors. Water would sure help in the sale of our properties and water would make our places so much more attractive that it would catch the eye of the tourists. They would think we had a beautiful little town and in turn would tell others and they would come.

Water would cause others to want to live here and that would cause our schools and churches to grow. Water, in short, would build up our community. So we say water, water, that's what we need. Give us water and we will try and show you one of the most attractive towns in New Mexico. What is life without the best of all drinks, WATER?

## New Bank Official In Artesia

J. W. Berry, president of the Peoples State Bank of Artesia has announced that L. W. Brummett of Wellington, Texas, will become executive vice president of the bank. The position was left vacant by the resignation of Cecil Waldrep in mid-January.

Brummett, 41, held a similar position with the City State Bank in Wellington, a town of about 5,000 population, 100 miles east of Amarillo. He was born in Valliant, Okla., and began his banking career with the Federal Land Bank in Wichita, Kans., in 1933, and remained with the Wichita office until 1947. He is a past president of the chamber of commerce in Wellington, a Kiwanian and a Baptist.

On his first trip to Artesia last week end, Brummett stated that he was impressed by Pecos Valley agriculture and liked the appearance of Artesia. The family has moved into an apartment at 9099 South 11th St. Mr. and Mrs. Brummett have two sons, Raymond, 14 and Johnny, nine.

## Mrs. Prude in Auto Wreck

While Mrs. Ida Prude was on her way to Artesia last Tuesday one of the tires on her car blew out and the car overturned. Mrs. Prude was taken to the hospital with a broken ankle. The car had to be towed in for repair.

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FRI. - SAT.

### "Bonzo Goes To College"

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Maureen O'Sullivan

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

### "Battle of Apache Pass"

John Lusk  
Jeff Chandler

★—————★

WEDNESDAY ONLY  
Wed Check Night

### "Man Bait"

George Brent  
Margareite Chapman

★—————★

## OCOTILLO

FRI-SAT

### "Untamed Frontier"

Joseph Cotton  
Shelly Winters

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

### "Miracle of the Lady Fatima"

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### Government Makes Competition Rough

Alfalfa dealers are finding the  
government a rough competitor.  
Top grade alfalfa is quoted in the  
Kansas City market as about \$36  
a ton, plus freight charges. Under  
the official drought relief program,  
farmers pay not over \$36 in-  
cluding freight with the govern-  
ment absorbing any and all losses.  
Missouri farmers find it more prof-  
itable to order subsidized hay from  
other states than to buy in the  
open Kansas City market.

### Belled Crow

A farmer, bothered by crows in  
his fields, got rid of them by catch-  
ing one and releasing it with a  
small bell around its neck. The  
belled bird, in trying to join the  
flock, scared the others away but  
remained in the vicinity itself.

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## Guy Chevrolet Company, Artesia, New Mexico

Mrs. Ida Prude is having her water well drilled deeper. She intends to go down at least to the 1000 foot level, where we hope plenty of water will be encountered.

Mr. and Mrs. Isom Harrison and family left Saturday for Fort Worth, Texas, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Tom Harrison for several weeks.

About three inches of snow fell in Hope Monday afternoon.

Ada Belle Trimble made a trip to Artesia Saturday.

Bert Weddige and son Lewis were in Hope Monday.

### HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Earl H. Brock, Mission Pastor  
Elk Mission:  
Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10.

Mrs. Bill Jones and son Dolph were in Artesia Monday on business.

We believe that what happened in Hope last week had happened in any other town Miller would have been given 24 hours to leave the country or else.

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and 7 p. m., second and fourth Sundays in each month.

We were at Elk last Sunday in spite of the number that were sick, we had a good day, had a number of visitors from Artesia, in the morning service, with one family from Duncen, then three families from Duncen and one from Hope in the evening service. We appreciate these visitors from time to time, they realize the value and the need for the thing that we are trying to do on this great field.

We are looking forward to a great day here at Hope next Sunday. We are planning lunch and fellowship at the church and are expecting a number of visitors, among them Bro. Garrett, who used to preach here at Hope before he retired, he will leither bring the morning or afternoon message. Since we are expecting so many out of town visitors we are planning an afternoon service. Come and fellowship with us. We have one burning objective in Hope, that is to present Christ and Him crucified, who can meet the needs of all men every-

where. We are happy over the progress that has been made thus far, but we need you if you are not attending service some place else. Let us make next Sunday a great day in Hope.

### Extension News

The Hope Extension Club met with Mrs. Cauhape Feb. 18. Enjoying a sovered-dish luncheon in the afternoon after which work with ball-point pens was tackled.

Those present were Mrs. Cecil Coates, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Charlie Cole, Mrs. Dick Carson, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Charley Barley, Mrs. Bob Barley, Mrs. Faye Weddige, Mrs. Russell Lee, Mrs. George Casabonne, Mrs. Nelson Jones and the hostesses, Mrs. Cauhape.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charlie Cole March 18. All members try to come and be with us, as that is the day to reveal our sunshine friends and draw names for another year.—Mrs. Nelson Jones, reporter.